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Reagan, Haig spell out contours of U.S. policy

WASHINGTON —

The new Reagan administration has provided the first concrete clues on how it intends to stake out its Middle Eastern policy.

In press conferences last week, President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig spoke about terrorism and the PLO, the Camp David process and Jerusalem.

Reagan, conducting his first conference, said Soviet support for "international terrorism" would affect U.S. policy toward Moscow.

A spokesman later singled out four examples, including Soviet financial backing, training and arming of PLO guerrillas.

Haig, in remarks to reporters, said Washington will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO unless that Palestinian group accepts UN resolutions 242 and 338.

The resolutions call for "a just settlement of the (Palestinian) refugee problem" and advocate "the territorial inviolability and political independence of every state in the area...."

Haig said the U.S will not become "immediately immersed" in efforts to break the deadlock in the current autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt. But he did indicate he wants to review the talks with all participants.

On Jerusalem, Haig said the city should not be divided by barbed wire again. But he emphasized the Reagan administration did not welcome last summer's Jerusalem Law, which declared the city unified under Israel rule.

At his earlier confrontation hearings, Haig said he has always viewed Israel as a strategic asset.

At the same time, he also reassured Saudi Arabia and other Arabs that he supported Jimmy Carter's controversial 1978 package sale of 60 F-15 fighter bombers to Saudi Arabia. "I would have been in favor of it had I been asked," he said.

One of the first issues on Haig's agenda will be Saudi Arabia's pressing demand for advanced accessories designed to increase the planes' firepower and range. Haig was not specifically asked how he will respond. Other Reagan sources said that no final decision has yet been reached.

He was blunt in promising to continue and even to expand the U.S. -Egyptian military supply relationship. He said the U.S. should not do anything which might weaken Egyptian President Sadat.

[Leo Hausman photo]

RAOUL WALLENBERG SCHOLARSHIP

Mary Beck, Toronto co-chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship Fund, points out historical documents referring to the events in Budapest in which the Holocaust hero played a decisive role. She and her family were among those who owe their lives directly to Wallenberg's intervention in the closing months of World War II. Shown here, left to right, are: Armin Weiss, president of the Toronto Jewish Association of Hungarian Descent; Mary Beck, Larry Grossman, and Dr. Eugene Verny, association board chairman who served as reception chairman.

Kohanim pose problem

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (JCNS) —

Prince Albert is a city in Western Canada in the northern segment of Saskatchewan, bordering the Canadian Shield.

Its Jewish community is quite small - a stable population of [illegible] 12 families, well below what is considered to be the minimum for a viable Jewish kehilla.

However, in addition to its minuscle population, the Prince Albert yishuv has an additional problem that complicates its existence. Of the 12 heads of families, ten are kohanim!

This disproportionate number of the priestly tribe creates difficulties when there is a death in the community. What develops is that there is a severe shortage of pallbearers and others to carry out the secred functions of the chevra kadisha as the kohanim can only stand idly by outside the funeral home, their sacerdotal status forbidding them contact with the funeral rites and with the deceased.

In such cases male Jews must be imported from the closest community which in this part of Western Canada is no easy task, distances, the weather and communications being what they are.

Most Diaspora Jews won't immigrate to Israel, says president of WJC

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Edgar Bronfman, the newly elected president of the World Jewish Congress, spoke bluntly of Israel-Diaspora relations in his acceptance speech at the WJCs recent plenary session here.

He said that most Diaspora Jews will not immigrate to Israel and should not be made to feel guilty for that reason, and that Diaspora Jews should not be expected to support Israel blindly on every issue.

The 51-year-old Canadian-born industrialist who heads the Seagram Liquor Corp. succeeded Philip Klutznick of Chicago as president of the WJC. He was acting president during the past year while Klutznick served as secretary of commerce in the Carter administration and will now serve a full 3-year term as president.

The WJC president urged "a new kind of aliya — investment from the Diaspora to help create a more economically viable and attractive Israel."

"The strenthening of Israel is clearly the first item on our agenda for the coming decades. For all Jews to lead tranquil and meaningful lives lives, a secure Israel at peace with her neighbors is essential," Bronfman declared.

However, he suggested "new perceptions" to improve Israel-Diaspora ties. "First, the Israelis must understand that for the most part those Jews who live in the Diaspora will not make aliya. Those who do not should neither feel guilty nor be made to feel guilty," he said.

"Second, the Jews of Diaspora should not be expected blindly to support the government of Israel in every single matter. Automatic, rigid adherence to every postion of the Israeli government can be ineffective in influencing our own government outside of Israel," Bronfman said.

He added, "Israel is not the only item, nor should it be, on the agenda of Diaspora Jewry. Jews should be concerned with the affairs, the economics, the moral and political climate of the countries in which they live."

Blood feud concern

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Officials here are keeping an uneasy watch on the Druze and Bedouin communities, both loyal to Israel, for fear that a blood feud may erupt between them over the murder on Jan. 12 of Bedouin sheikh, Hamad Abu Rabia, a member of the Knesset.

His successor, Sheikh Jaber Muadi, a Druze, was sworn in last week.

The situation was complicated by the disclosure that the prime suspects are Muadi's three sons, who were arrested shortly after the killing.

Muadi, like Abu Rabia, is a member of the United Arab List, a one-man Knesset faction affiliated with the opposition Labor Alignment. A bitter dispute developed between the two men in recent months because Abu Rabia refused to step down in favor of Muadi in compliance with what Maudi claimed was a prior agreement to rotate the Knesset seat.

Maudi says he and his colleagues had a reconciliation when they met at the Labor Party convention last month.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

EEC envoy set to go to Mideast; his chances of success said slim

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Despite Israeli misgivings, the European Economic Community is embarking on yet another independent peacemaking mission to the Middle East.

In mid-February, the EEC's new president of the Council of Foreign Ministers, Chris van der Klaauw, begins a fresh round of talks in the region.

After conferring with the secretary-general of the Arab League in The Hague, he will set off for Israel, the occupied territories and 13 Arab lands.

Having finished his discussions with Israeli and Arab leaders, van der Klaauw will visit Washington where, presumably, he will brief the Reagan administration on the results of his efforts.

Reagan and his advisors may react cooly to the EEC initiative, if recent comments by Henry Kissinger are any reflection of the White House attitude toward the Europeans' diplomacy. Kissinger has been quoted as saying that the EEC diplomatic drive, which Israel claims undermines the Camp David process, is incompatible with support for a common Western defence policy.

Van der Klaauw, himself, is not terribly optimistic that he will succeed. He admits he is running against the grain in his bid to reconcile the divergent positions of Israel and the Arabs.

According to a report in Le Soir, the Brussels daily, the EEC has a plan that calls for a staged 2-year withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied areas, the internationalization of Jerusalem, the normalization of relations between Israel and the Arabs, the creation of demilitarized zones and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The Dutch envoy, who has replaced Luxembourg's Gaston Thorn as the EEC's chief trouble shooter, denies the EEC favors a Palestinian state. But he admits he intends to put "a series of questions" to Israel and the Arabs on fundamental points mentioned by Le Soir.

Last June, in Venice, the EEC backed full self-determination for the Palestinians, declared that the PLO should be "associated" with Mideast peace negotiations, called for an end to Israel's occupation and described its settlements as a "serious obstacle to the peace process."

Like his predecessor, van der Klaauw will likely spend several weeks in the Middle East. He will submit an interim report on March 23.

With an Israeli election on the horizon, and with virtually no hope that President Reagan will issue any sweeping policy declarations until a new government in Israel is installed, the EEC concedes that van der Klaauw's mission may be academic at best.

In Brussels, the headquarters of the EEC, his trip is seen as a holding operation to keep Arab interest in the EEC's initiative alive, until the U.S. reveals its hand.

In any event, Egypt no longer regards the EEC diplomatic campaign with the same suspicion and resentment, and this development may be bad news for Israel.

The Egyptians feel that, in light of the petrification of the Camp David process, the EEC may yet have a role to play in the resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Such was the impression carried away by Lord Carrington, the British foreign minister, when he visited Cairo in mid-January. Abba Eban, who is likely to be Israel's next foreign minister in a Labor government, was sharply critical of the EECs diplomacy and Britain's attempt to promote it. His remarks were taken as evidence that a future Labor regime will show just as little sympathy for an EEC initiative as has been displayed so far by the Likud coalition.

CJC to launch Refusenik drive

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress will launch an intensive drive to arouse Canadian public opinion in the Viktor Brailovsky case.

Brailovsky, a prominent figure in the Soviet Refusenik movement, was arrested and imprisoned on Nov. 13 on the charge of "defaming the Soviet state and public order." Brailovsky's imprisonment coincided with the opening of the Madrid Review of the Helsinki Final Act.

The first major effort to draw the attention of the Canadian public to the case will be made at a parliamentary dinner in Ottawa, on Feb. 12, to which Members of Parliament have been invited, including present and former members of the government. The host will be David Smith MP, chairman of the parliamentary committee on Soviet Jewry. Speakers will include Smith, CJC president Irwin Cotler and CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose.

Cotler, Rose and Smith will hold a press conference prior to the dinner.

CJC officails stated also that the Brailovsky case will get prominent attention at a women's conference on Soviet Jewry human rights to be held shortly in Madrid.

According to a CJC brief, Brailovsky and his family ran afoul of the Soviet government when they applied in 1972 for exit visas to Israel. Brailovsky and his wife are both applied mathematicians and Brailovsky is also a cybernetist.

Viktor Brailovsky

Their request was denied because the Soviet government claimed that the wife, Irina, has access to "secret information" as a computer scientist at Moscow University.

The Brialovskys became involved in the Refusnik movement and Viktor has been arrested and jailed several times from 1974 on. The entire family has been harassed.

The Brailovskys, who have been jobless since 1972, hosted weekly seminars in their 2-room apartments for other would-be emigrants who lost their research jobs and also held informal scientific conferences attended by Western scientists.

A Congress brief expresses the fear that if Brailovsky is convicted, it will open the door to many more arrests of Russian Jews and probably result in the cessation of further Jewish emigration.

Canadian delegation active at WJC meeting

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Canadian delegates to the recent World Jewish Congress assembly in Jerusalem were "highly visible" throughout the 5-day conference with their contribution "finding expression" in two of the 40 resolutions passed at the assembly's conclusion. (See also CJN, Jan. 29.)

The 27-person delegation — headed by Canadian Jewish Congress president Irwin Cotler — was among 500 delegates from 60 countries who participated in the quadrennial event.

Cotler, a member of the WJC praesidium, told The Canadian Jewish News upon his return from Jerusalem that "It is generally acknowledged that the Canadian input was a strong one," and that "on a per capita basis Canada had the largest and most productive delegation."

The two resolutions the Canadians were specially involved in concerned anti-semitism and Ethiopian Jewry.

Former CJC president Rabbi Gunther Plaut chaired a workshop on anti-semitism and presented a paper which Cotler stated was "extremely well received."

"His (Plaut's) contribution," Cotler noted, "found expression in a resolution calling for the establishment of an international commission on anti-semitism.

(The proposed commission will consist of both Jewish and non-Jewish personalities and leaders who will be called upon to co-ordinate a campaign against anti-semitism as well as monitor all facts relevant to the fight against anti-semitism.)

As well, although Ethiopian Jewry is supposedly the concern of the Jewish Agency rather than that of the WJC, it was due to Canadian pressure that a resolution was passed establishing the Ethiopian Jews as a priority on the world Jewish agenda.

A delegation of the "Union for Saving Ethiopian Jewish Families" attended the WJC assembly as observers, and formally thanked Cotler and CJC as well as Falashas living in Israel for their contribution in helping Falasha Jews still living in Ethiopia.

During the 5-day meet, members of the Canadian delegation were also visible in a number of other ways, including:

- The presentation by CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose of the Canadian report on anti-semitism.
- The distribution by Barbara Stern, chairman of the Group of 35 — Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, of a 609-page study of Jews denied the right to leave the Soviet Union.
- Cotler serving as the official respondent to Israel Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Opposition Leader Shimon Peres who addressed the parley on "Israel and the Middle East."
- A report on the Jewish community in Cuba by Lavy Becker, WJC chairman on small Jewish communities.

Cotler, while speaking to The CJN, denied reports in the world press that the WJC formally and officially denounced certain economic, social and settlement policies of the present Israeli government.

"The world press did not distinguish between a WJC convention report and an independent report commissioned privately but circulated during the assembly," he said.

Cotler went on to say that the report was not voted on and what "clearly interests the press is an adversary relationship between Diaspora Jews and the government."

Cotler did say, however, that if the report had been voted upon, it "probably would have been approved," albeit with reservations.

Quebec bill provides relief

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The Quebec National Assembly has passed a bill that will allow congregational rabbis who own their own homes, as well as other clergymen in similar circumstances, to be excluded from payment of municipal taxes within certain limits.

Bill 12 is an amendment to Bill 57, passed in December, 1979, which introduced a new system of municipal taxation.

Prior to the 1979 bill, all clergymen were exempt from taxes on the home they live in, whether they owned it or their congregation did. Under Bill 57, only houses owned by congregations received the tax break.

The new bill will permit tax exemption for clergymen who own their own homes, up to a $50,000 evaluation.

Bill 12 was proposed to the Assembly by the Liberal's municipal affairs critic, Jean-Noel Lavoie and MNA Herb Marx, following representations made by rabbis, Eastern Orthodox Church priests and some Protestant ministers, arguing their situation is comparable to that of Catholic priests, who are traditionally provided with a home by the parish.

Lavoie said he knows of between 50 to 60 cases of rabbis and other clergymen who will benefit from the amendment. Based on the average assessment, these clergymen will save at least $1,500 in property taxes, he said.

U.S. policy at UN may benefit Israel

UNITED NATIONS [JTA] —

While no major changes in U.S. policy toward Israel at the United Nations are expected as a result of the change of administration in Washington, diplomatic sources here predict nonetheless that the Reagan administration will bring a change of style in its dealings with the world organization that will be favorable to Israel.

According to these sources, in the last four years there was a gap between Washington's pronouncements concerning Israel and the U.S. pronouncements at the UN. During those four years, the sources noted, U.S. representatives at the UN courted the Third World countries and as a result, toned down their pronouncements of U.S. support for Israel. This gap, in the view of the diplomatic sources, will now be closed.

The forthcoming change in U.S. dealings with the Third World was clearly expressed by the new American Ambassador-designate to the UN, Jeane Kirkpatrick in her now famous Commentary article of November, 1979 in which she stated that "a position of continuous self-abasement and apology vis-a-vis the Third World is neither morally necessary nor politically appropriate."

Kirkpatrick's two predecessors, Ambassadors Donald McHenry and Andrew Young, were known for their courting of the Third World at the UN which many times operated to the disadvantage of Israel. The new American envoy has already declared that she doesn't see her role at the UN as a molder of foreign policy.

U.S. Jews bracing for changes with conservatives in power

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The U.S. Jewish community is bracing for changes in substance and style as the U.S. government shifts gears from a liberal to a conservative administration, says Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee.

Rabbi Pearlson returned recently from a 5-day plenary session in San Diego of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). The plenum, which is held annually, forges policy for all the major Jewish agencies in intergroup relations in the U.S. Pearlson attended as a Canadian observer in his official capacity as national JCRC chairman.

"The overriding concern at the plenary is not just the change of direction in American political policy, but also the style of American politics," said Pearlson.

He said the consensus of the plenum was that the administration, under President Reagan, will take a hard-nosed view of Israel and its neighboring Arab countries.

"Israel will be viewed primarily in terms of its military, strategic value, and the Arabs will be regarded as a business community which should and will be cultivated," Pearlson said.

The lessons of such an American position should not be lost on Jews in Canada where a similar leaning is possible, Pearlson observed. He said Trudeau's visit to Saudi Arabia is an indication of the new direction in Canadian foreign policy.

Pearlson reported that NJCRAC is advising its constituents to look for significant differences in the way American Jews will be regarded both individually and collectively.

"Reagan perceives the American Jewish community in an entirely different context than former Democratic presidents," said Pearlson.

"From the time of Roosevelt onwards, Jews in the Democratic Party were seen as part of a mass ethnic group along with Blacks, unions and southern farmers, all of whom were powerless groups seeking to move into positions of power."

The Republicans have no such historic or ideological ties to Jews in the U.S., Pearlson continued. Further, Reagan built his campaign on those states where a large Jewish vote was not essential to his election.

"The Jewish move towards Reagan has been correctly perceived as more of an anti-Carter phenomenon than pro-Reagan," said Pearlson. "In the light of these facts," he said, "the Reagan government — while it may be beholden to some individual Jews — owes the Jews as a community nothing."

Because Reagan feels no obligation to please masses of Jews, there could be serious consequences for such Jewish causes as Soviet Jewry and emigration of Soviet Jews to the U.S.

In the light of crises arising from the influx of large numbers of Cubans and Mexicans, Pearlson explained that the U.S Jewish community is anticipating certain revisions to immigration laws which could make it difficult for Soviet Jews to enter the U.S.

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THE GODFATHER

Moshe Dayan was the godfather for MK Ehud Ulmert's son, who was recently circumcized. [IPPA]

World News

Israeli press neglects plenary, Bronfman subject of cartoon

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

On a display wall in Tel Aviv one can read this travel advertisement: "Happy Days in Germany." It is directed to the same population that only a generation ago emerged from the fires of Nazi destruction.

Israel is a land which forgets and remembers: the young care less about the memories of yesterday than do the Jewish youth of Canada; yet it is also the land where "never again" rings with utter clarity, a land which this June will host the first world gathering of Sho'a survivors.

Contradictions? The country is full of them, and one of them was the way the seventh plenary session of the World Jewish Congress was received. One might have expected the representatives of no fewer than 40 countries to be given special attention and the print and electronic media to be filled with impressions, reports of speeches, discussions, interviews and the like. Here, after all, was the leadership of organized Diaspora Jewry, and their relationship to Israel was at least potentially of crucial importance. But Israel journalists treated the Congress with cautious neglect and, in some quarters, with an air of superiority that belied the oft heard desire to enter into meaningful dialogue.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Matters got off to an inauspicious start. On the first day Congress released an important 119-page report entitled "The Implications of Israel-Arab Peace for World Jewry." Some of the best minds in Israel, members of its intellectual elite, had teamed up with Diaspora luminaries and had taken two years to complete this study. One of their major conclusions: world Jewry desired more input into Israel's planning and only an equal partnership with Israel will vouchsafe a meaningful future for both. The Diaspora was clearly here to stay.

This conclusion contradicts, of course, the Zionist concept that sooner of later the galut is doomed. This was Ben Gurion's oft expressed view and it continues to have its vocal supporters as well as its vigorous objectors.

Certainly the thousands of young men and women who have left Israel and have settled in Canada and the United States do not subscribe to this view. Yeridah (leaving Israel permanently) is a painful subject which is just beginning to be discussed in the land. A recent Israeli-sponsored report by the respected Shmuel Lahis received less than serious attention. But the subject matter will not go away and has to be faced at some time.

If the press was, on the whole, lukewarm to the Congress and Prime Minister Begin (for whatever reasons) could not manage to address the dinner at the Knesset, others did — from President Yitzhak Navon and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to Opposition Party Shimon Peres, generally believed to become the next Prime Minister.

It was, all in all, a good conference, as conferences go, and there was — most important — a change of leadership. Nahum Goldmann was gone and so was Phil Klutznick. The new president is Edgar Bronfman, son of the fabled Sam, long time president of Canadian Jewish Congress and founder of the Seagram empire.

Being new at the job and quite outspoken, Bronfman quickly became the focus of media criticism. Speaking of the problems of aliya, he had expressed doubts that his children or grandchildren would settle in Israel. That hurt badly and Ephraim Kishon ("Dry Bones") struck back with bitter irony.

In a widely quoted cartoon he depicted Diaspora Jews as traveling on a sinking ship, refusing to seek the safety of Israel. The last frame shows Bronfman and company sailing away from a hospitable Israel that is ready to give them a haven. Their craft is small and rickety and their last words are, "I don't think my children and grandchildren will ever come ashore!" The Israelis, standing at the shore, remark mournfully that this will probably prove to be true.

Of such contretemps is the vaunted and badly needed dialogue made today. We have a long way to go — on both sides.

Meanwhile, World Jewish Congress is back in business and its chances of becoming what its founders envisioned, are now better than ever. The potential is there, and enough willing workers are at hand to make it into a true world parliament of the Jewish people.

Observers wonder about U.S. Senate

Uncertain about support for Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

How will Israel fare in the new U.S. 97th Congress?

The question is important, since Congress — composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives — is a fount of U.S. political, economic and military support for Israel.

The President wields enormous power, but he usually does so with the consent or co-operation of Congress, the U.S. parliament.

Ronald Reagan, the nation's 40th president, has a solid pro-Israel record on paper. But observers wonder whether Congress, particularly the Senate, will be as generous and understanding once the politicians get down to business.

The uncertainty arises for two reasons:

Some of Israel's best friends in the Senate — Jacob Javits of New York, Frank Church of Idaho and Richard Stone of Florida — were defeated in 1980.

As a result of last year's elections, two of the Senate's key committees are headed by senators whose views are not always compatible with that of Israel's government.

Charles Percy of Illinois is chairman of the foreign relations committee, while Mark Hatfield of Oregon holds a similar position in the appropriations committee.

In a conversation with the Soviet Union's foreign minister last December, Percy said the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank under PLO chairman Yasser Arafat would lead to peace in the Middle East.

Early this year, Percy qualified his much-publicized remark by saying he backed a demilitarized Palestinian state aligned in a federation with Jordan — a proposal that somewhat accords with that of Israel's Labor Party.

Percy, who has met Arafat, believes there cannot be an "enduring peace in the Middle East unless the problem of the Palestinians was fairly resolved." As for Jewish settlements in the occupied areas, he says they are not conducive to an Arab-Israeli peace agreement.

Despite these opinions, Percy is in favor of the Camp David Accords and of U.S. assistance to Israel. "The bottom line for a U.S. senator's support for Israel," Percy contends, "is whether he supports massive essential economic and military assistance for Israel. I always have, I do now, and I intend to continue doing so."

His colleague, Mark Hatfield, is a liberal Republican whose sympathy for the Palestinians runs deep. When the Israeli army invaded southern Lebanon in the spring of 1978, in reaction to a terrorist outrage that left 34 Israelis dead, he reminded the Senate that Israel had violated an undertaking not to use U.S. weaponry for offensive operations.

Hatfield, in vain, has attempted to cut economic and military aid to Israel.

With the exception of Hatfield and an undetermined number of senators, most members of the Senate are sympathetic, in one degree or another, to Israel's cause. "Historically, the record is clear," says Thomas Dine, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the pro-Israel lobbying group in Washington. "Support of Israel has been bipartisan and non-ideological."

A glance at the Senate roster reveals substantial support for Israel, although even these senators reserve the right to criticize Israel policy. Rudy Boschwitz, of Minnesota, is the newly appointed chairman of the Senate foreign relations Middle East subcommittee. A Jew, he considers Israel a strategic asset to the U.S., and opposes a Palestinian state.

Joining Percy on the foreign relations committee are two men who have been supportive of Israel in the past — Charles Mathias of Maryland and Alan Cranston of California.

The Senate's majority leader is Howard Baker of Tennessee, a presidential candidate who, it is felt by pro-Israeli circles in the capital, will be an improvement over his predecessor — Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Byrd once suggested that Congress show its opposition to Israel's settlements policy by cutting aid to Jerusalem.

In spite of these developments, Israel is not assured of success on Capitol Hill, primarily because conservative Republicans [and Democrats] have historically voted against foreign aid bills. In the Senate nowadays, conservatives are in the majority.

For years, because Democrats controlled both Senate and House, pro-Israel lobbyists tended to concentrate their efforts on them. With the Democrats out and the Republicans in, they'll have to change gear.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, for one, is said to be planning the hiring of additional lobbyists with close ties to the Republicans. AIPAC has already acquired the services of Michael Gale, who was on the staff of the Reagan-Bush campaign. It is not taking any chances.

In the 97th Congress, support for Israel will cut across party lines, as usual, but it will not necessarily be automatic.

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3 former hostages participate in first Shabbat service

NEW YORK (JTA) — The three Jews among the 52 former U.S. hostages who were released from Iran participated in their first Sabbath service in over 14 months in Wiesbaden, West Germany. The service was conducted by Rabbi Joel Schwartzman, a U.S. Air Force chaplain, who flew to Wiesebaden to meet the returnees.

The Jewish returnees are Barry Rosen, 36, of Brooklyn; Jerry Plotkin, 45, of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Malcolm Kalp, 42, of Fairfax, Va.

Rabbi Schwartzman described his meeting with them in a phone call to Rabbi Joseph Messing, director of the Jewish Welfare Board's chaplancy division.

His first act was to give the three men the JWBs prayer book and Bible, a necklace with a Star of David and the JWBs chaplaincy badge which also bears a Star of David. "All three men are wearing the JWB necklace and Rosen is proudly wearing the chaplaincy badge," Schwartman reported.

Rosen, who was press attache at the U.S. embassy in Teheran when it was seized by student revolutionaries, Nov. 4, 1979, had served with the Peace Corps in Iran in the 1960s. The Iranian militants had referred to him as "a famous spy and plotter."

Plotkin, a businessman on his first trip outside of the U.S., arrived in Teheran in October, 1979, seeking business opportunities and chanced to be in the U.S. embassy when it was seized. He was born in New York and has lived in California for the past 18 years.

Kalp's duties at the embassy are unknown. The militants accused him of being a CIA agent. He had served in Vietnam. He told his brother by telephone after landing at Wiesbaden that because of repeated attempts to escape, he was beaten by his captors, kept in solitary confinement for five months and denied mail from home.

Many of the former hostages suffered maltreatment at the hands of the Iranians but none apparently was singled out because of his Jewish origin.

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Arabist says murdered Beduin MK earned respect from political parties

By GIDEON WEIGERT

A sad precedent was recorded recently in Israel's parliamentary history with the murder near Jerusalem's Holyland hotel of a member of Israel's Knesset. This is the first such event in the annals of the Knesset.

The background and character of the murdered MK, a Beduin sheikh from the south called Hamad Abu Rabiya, complicates the tragedy and adds to the public's feeling of anger and bewilderment.

Who was Hamad Abu Rabiya, the only one of the six Arab Knesset members to wear the traditional flowing robes of his people? Arabist Gideon Weigert knew him personally and outlines a portrait of an Arab leader whose wisdom and loyalty will be sadly missed in the Knesset, among Israeli's Arab citizens and among all believers in Jewish-Arab co-operation.

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With the tragic murder of Knesset member Sheikh Hamad Abu Rabiya, head of the Zullam Beduin sub-tribe in the northern Negev, a rare personality among Israel's Arab minorities has been taken from us.

Sheikh Hamad was not only Israel's first Beduin Knesset member; he was a "self-made man" in the best sense of this expression, whose education did not exceed the elementary school level. He came from a relatively small Beduin family whose father, the late Sheikh Salem, had headed the Abu Rabiya clan.

Sheikh Abu Rabiya

Known among his people and many friends as "Abu Majed," after his eldest born son, Sheikh Hamad entered the limelight in the 1960s after the death of Sheikh Abu Qureinat, when he assumed leadership of the Zullams, a sub tribe which became affiliated with the confederation of tribes known as the Tayahas.

Some years of public activity led to the young sheik's entry into political life in the early 70s. After the Yom Kippur war, the Labor Party was looking for a suitable candidate to solicit the 40,000 votes of Israel's Beduin. Sheikh Hamad had by then become well known as a result of his tireless work for the welfare and progress of Beduin society. He was among the nomad leaders who supported and encouraged the voluntary process of urbanization of his people.

After the successful implementation of the two first Beduin resettlement projects at Tel Sheva and Rahat, his own area, near Kseifeh on the Beersheva Arad road, was earmarked as the third modern Beduin settlement. So the young Beduin leader became Labor's natural choice — and indeed he polled a sizeable number of votes from his own people.

But his real strength, which he developed further during the tough years ahead in parliamentary committees and meetings on the future of Beduin-owned lands in the Negev, was the characteristic which became known as the "Abu Rabiya Way" — the special dignity with which he represented Israel's Arabs and which earned him the highest respect from the benches of all Knesset factions. This was not just a question of being the only one among the six Arab Knesset members to wear the traditional dress of his people. It was much more than this: the feeling of duality — the sincere loyalty to his country, of which he was a good citizen, on one hand, and to his own people, of which he was a faithful son, on the other.

On many occasions (which this writer witnessed personally) this basic characteristic came to a full expression: the way in which he related to the Tel Malhata Airfield (which replaces the one in the Rafidim area, returned to Egypt) evacuation problem, the way in which he reached to radicals from among his own Beduin youngsters, the way in which he defended the rights of Arab citizens but without overlooking their obligations.

Once he stated: "Whether we are Israeli Arabs, Palestinians or residents of the administered areas . . . there is no difference . . . we can only survive if and when we recognize Israel's right to survive in secure and mutually recognized borders."

Asked to explain how he, a nomad from the Negev desert, feels about sitting in the Knesset, he said: ". . . I am proud to be an Arab Beduin in a democracy known as the State of Israel. . . ." He was a moderate, far-seeing man who had the interest of his own Beduin people in mind before anything else. He often said about the delicate land problems: "We do not say that we demand all of the land . . . give us half of it and we will be pleased."

Frequently challenged in public appearances by his adversaries as to why Israeli Beduin do not demonstrate or act violently to assert their claims, he always said: "One thing should be clear: we are Israeli citizens, we will struggle only in the framework of legal actions . . . we are confident of winning our rights through legal persuasion and public support."

Rest in peace, Abu Majed. We, your friends and admirers, Arabs and Jews alike, will not forget you.

In sha' Allah. . . .

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Blood feud concern

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Muadi is not a suspect in the murder. But a police official heading the investigation said at a press conference that there is sufficient evidence to press charges against his sons Seif, Dahesh and Heil. When Muadi entered the Knesset building to be sworn in, he was escorted by a heavily armed guard and the ceremony was kept secret until the last minute to forestall a possible assualt on him.

So far, no incidents have been reported in either the Druze or Bedouin communities. The latter are known to have been infuriated by the murder, especially bacause Abu Rabia was the only Bedouin representative in parliament. Muadi is known to have enemies in his own home village of Yerka, near Acre in western Galilee.

But some 3,000 Druze demonstrated their solidarity with him at a rally he organized in Yerka. The rally may have been a warning to Bedouins that the Druze were closing ranks.

Muadi hinted that he expected trouble. In a radio interview, he urged that 5,000 soldiers be posted to guard Druze villages against possible vigilante action by Bedouins following the identification of his sons as suspects.

Muadi is not a newcomer to the Knesset. He represented the United Arab List for 25 years prior to the last elections and also held sub-cabinet posts as deputy minister of communications and of agriculture in Labor-led governments.

In the late 1940s, Muadi co-operated with Jews who were fighting to secure Galilee within the boundaries of the new state of Israel. After Israel's independence was declared he became a key figure in the Druze and Arab communities and was well-known for his close ties with the Israeli establishment.

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Goal of firm Jewish rule may give Tehiya pivotal vote

Howard Grief, a Montreal lawyer, has just returned from Israel and comments on the upcoming elections. He accurately predicted the election of Menachem Begin's Likud in 1977.

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By HOWARD GRIEF

Victory for the Labor Alignment in Israel's July elections is by no means a foregone conclusion, despite the predictions of North American commentators who base their views on Israeli public opinion polls — which are not always that accurate.

It is probable that Labor will win the most seats of any party — 50 or so. But this will not ensure that it will form the next government. That will depend more on whether the National Religious Party decides to remain in the present coalition with a shrunken but perhaps rejuvenated Likud and joined also by the nationalist revival party, Tehiya, and a secondary but significant religious grouping, Aguda Israel.

Labor won only 32 seats in the 1977 election, due mainly to the emergence of the Democratic Movement for Change, or Dash. However, Dash has pretty well faded from the scene, holding only four seats at present and it's likely Labor will regain most of the seats captured by Dash. However, if Moshe Dayan and Ezer Weizman form a "centre" party, it could attract a considerable number of voters — again at the expense of Labor.

But the party that stands to lose most of all this year is the Likud — mainly because of the unprecedented high inflation which has characterized the Begin regime.

The number of seats Likud will lose is a question mark. Optimists believe it will suffer a loss of only 10, while pessimists foresee a dip of 20. The key question to decide is which party will pick up the seats lost by Likud.

Also expected to lose some seats is the National Religious Party. It is a pivotal party which has been part of every coalition government in Israel. However, it is now buffeted by scandal and faces public disapproval. One minister is under criminal indictment while another has caused an enormous uproar by firing the chief of police who had intended to investigate the ministry of the minister who fired him. For these reasons, it may lose up to three seats, reducing its perennial base of 12.

In light of the expected losses of Likud and the National Religious Party and the disappearance of various one-man factions, there will be a floating vote of approximately 25 seats, not counting the projected loss of Dash seats. Where these 25 floating seats go will decide the composition of the next government of Israel.

The voters who comprise this floating group are right of Labor, rather than left. Many of them feel betrayed by what Begin did at Camp David. They do not approve the planned relinquishing of the city of Yamit and the 14 settlements separating Sinai from the Gaza Strip. They object to the surrender of Ophira and the surrounding settlements which control the Straits of Tiran, over which Israel fought two wars.

They opposed the withdrawal from the Sinai oil fields which caused Israel to lose its independence in the sphere of energy. They are dismayed by the weakening of Israel's southern defence system.

Finally, they fear the emergence of an Arab state in Judea, Samaria and Gaza as a result of the Camp David agreement calling for an autonomous regime.

It is apparent that the voters in this floating group will not drift to Labor, which may accentuate what Begin has already done. Some may at the last moment even return to the Likud fold or not vote at all. But a good many may vote for a new political party which advocates the very platform which Begin abandoned at Camp David. This party is Tehiya, whose proclaimed goal is "the revival of the Jewish nation on is historic soil and a united people rooted in its eternal sources."

Tehiya sees the Israel-Egyptian treaty merely as a "withdrawal agreement" and would like to halt its further implementation. It would also abrogate the autonomy plan and proclaim Israel's sovereignty over all the Land of Israel. It aims for a Jewish majority throughout the land. The Arab population would be offered a choice of citizenship or resident status or, in the event of neither being accepted, state aid for emigration.

Tehiya is led by an eminent nuclear scientist, Yuval Ne'eman, who has served in three former governments as a senior defence specialist. Its most charismatic leader is Geula Cohen, who made world headlines last July when her bill declaring Jerusalem officially the national capital was passed by the Knesset by an overwhelming vote.

When the ballots are counted next July, Tehiya may surprise many by taking as many as 12 seats and be instrumental in the formation of a new right of centre government.

The chances of a new right of centre government being formed will depend on what Prime Minister Begin decides to do. If he tries to stay in power, it is likely that Likud will not muster enough support to hold on to the reigns of government. If he is replaced by new leadership and Likud is rejuvenated, it may — though having less seats than before — still be able to govern with the continuing support of a reduced National Religious Party, a strong Tehiya and a stable Agudath Israel.

AJC asks U.S. government for unclassified files on PLO

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Congress has asked the federal government to release all its unclassified documents on the Palestine Liberation Organization and its personnel and supporters in the U.S.

In a sweeping Freedom of Information Act request made to more than 100 agencies of five cabinet departments and the Central Intelligence Agency, the AJ Congress stated that the release of the information was in the public interest because the PLO is an "avowed terrorist organization, and the nature and extent of its infiltration into American institutions are relevant to important issues of domestic and foreign policy."

In legal papers filed in support of the request, lawyers for AJ Congress point out that the PLO "engages in terrorist activities which are contrary to the interests and policies" of the U.S. and that its "chief purpose is to destroy the State of Israel."

An analysis and dissemination of information on the PLO in the government's files will be useful in alerting the public to these threats, said Nathan Z. Dershowitz, director of AJ Congress' commission on law and social action.

The request seeks "all writings of any kind," including directives, memoranda, letters, reports, studies, pamphlets, handwritten notes and other records dating from 1968 and dealing with not only the PLO itself but such affiliated organizations as Al Fatah, As Saiqa, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Black September.

The documents sought are those pertaining to PLO assets and activities, its contributions and supporters, its personnel and any contacts it has had with the U.S. officials.

The requests have been made of the departments of state, defence, treasury, justice, including the FBI, and commerce.

U.S. national study planned to help Russian immigrants

NEW YORK — Russian Jewish immigrants living in 14 U.S. cities will be asked to participate in a National Research Study sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations.

Directed by professors Rita and Julian Simon of the University of Illinois, the study will give these new Americans an opportunity to assist the Jewish community in assessing the progress of its resettlement efforts, says the CJF.

Covering many aspects of the emigre experience, the study will concentrate on socio-economic adjustment, and integration into American society and the American Jewish community.

The project is supervised by the CJF Soviet Jewish resettlement committee, chaired by Bernard Manekin of Baltimore, and is financed by a grant from the federal government. Field work will be conducted by Audit & Survey, Inc., a national research firm, and the data analyzed by Drs. Rita and Julian Simon.

Over the next several months, 700 interviews of emigres who arrived since 1972 will be conducted in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Boston, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Houston, Kansas City, Rochester, Atlanta, Columbus and Worcester. Each 90-minute interview will gather information on the entire family, relating education, training and employment in the Soviet Union with current vocational, social, educational and personal adjustment.

Data will also be gathered on Jewish identity and involvement in Jewish communal activities. Identities of those taking part in the study will be confidential.

"Since 1972, 250,000 Jews have left the Soviet Union, of which some 90,000 have settled in the United States, where a comprehensive resettlement program has been implemented with the assistance of $46.7 million from the Federal Block Grant. More than an equal amount has been contributed by local Jewish communities which have absorbed the Russian immigrants. Through this nationwide effort, Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union have received financial assistance, vocational counseling, language and vocational training, health services and personal counseling in multi-faceted programs coordinated by local Federations. CJF has administered the matching grant on the national level."

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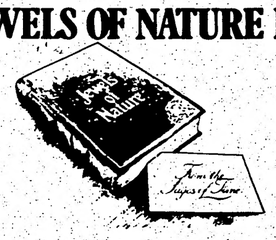

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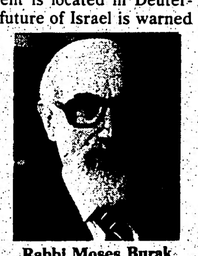
Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Now that Israel has a ambassador in Egypt, many of our people are visiting that country to take in the sights. But, isn't there something in the Torah that forbids one to go to Egypt?

There are three statements in the Torah that seem to prohibit going to Egypt. One was read very recently in the synagogue. In Exodus 14:13 we are told, "for whereas you have seen the Egyptians today, you shall see them no more forever." Another statement is located in Deuteronomy 17:16 where a future of Israel is warned not to ". . . multiply horses to himself, nor lead back the people to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses. . . ." The final statement is in Deuteronomy 28:68 in that series of terrifying imprecations in which Moses fortells the miseries that come to a faithless people: "And Hashem will bring thee back into Egypt in ships, by the way whereof I said unto thee: 'Thou shalt see it no more again.'"



Rabbi Moses Burak

The Mechilta classifies these three passages as Three Warnings. Maimonides, in his Sefer Ha-Mitzvos, Lo Ta'ase number 46, cites the Mechilta and the Three Warnings. But, note this: the offender is guilty on one count, and not on three counts.

Despite these prohibitions, there was always a substantial Jewish community in Egypt. Maimonides, himself, lived there even though in his Codes he stated that Jewish law prohibits our going to Egypt. In his case, there is an easy explanation, for, he had run for his life from the fanatic Almohades. All the laws, except idolatry, adultery and murder, give way before the duty to save one's life.

But, what about the others who lived in Egypt without any such excuse?

Some authorities see the prohibition as being in effect only if one travels along the historic route of the Exodus, from wilderness stop to wilderness stop, until one is back in Egypt. But, if you go from England or U.S. to the land of the pyramids, you are not violating the Lo Ta'ase. Even if you go from Israel to Egypt via an airline, you are in the clear, according to those authorities.

A very fine piece of analysis is to be found in the exegesis of Rabbi Jacob Halevy Safir, in his book Ibn Safir (1866) 31 B. He argues that Moses' statement to the Jews when they stood trembling at the Red Sea is not a prohibition; it is a comforting message, as if he were saying: "Boys, don't be afraid. Stand fast. This is the last time you will see your former masters."

The lines in the Tochecha tell of a time when the above promise will be cancelled. At such times people do things they wouldn't normally do. The only lines that really count for Safir are those in Deuteronomy 17:16 — "forasmuch as Hashem has said to you: 'Ye shall henceforth return no more that way,'" He notes, however, that the Babylonian Talmud does not call even this passage a Lo Ta'ase.

Maimonides gives an answer to the question whether one may visit Egypt. He states in Hilchos Mellachim, Chapter 5:8 that even though one may not live in Egypt, one may go there for business and trade. To settle there permanently is forbidden; to visit is permitted.

What could be more important than to further the possibility of lasting peace with Egypt by visits from the Jewish community. The Rambam adds the point that one was forbidden to live in Egypt as it was the most decadent society. Today, Egypt has shown herself to be the best country in the Arab world, and that, too, must be considered.

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Jewish music revival

We note with pleasure a resurgence of interest in Jewish music. A synagogue in Toronto recently featured a 60-voice choir in a Sabbath service which rang out with musical compositions by ten different cantorial composers.

The picture is happily much the same across Canada. The presence of great cantors in Toronto, Montreal and in Western Canada is adding immeasurably to the status of Hazzanut in particular and Jewish music in general.

Even at the non-professional level Jewish music is enjoying a mini renaissance. Children's choirs, landsmanshaft choirs, service club choirs are contributing to the general spread of Jewish music across Canada.

The reason for the explosion in Jewish music can be traced to several factors. Its intrinsic beauty is the obvious first one. The availability of inexpensive cassette tape recorders is a technological advance that has facilitated wide distribution of cantorial music, Israeli songs and Chassidic melodies.

Music, moreover, is an international language whose vocabulary needs no special dictionary. As an expression of Jewish memory and experience it is a superb vehicle for transmitting feelings that cannot be articulated in mere words.

The role of song in Jewish life is not a new phenomenon. Moses, the tongue-tied prophet who needed Aaron for speak to him in the confrontation with Pharaoh, broke out in song when the Israelites crossed the Red Sea.

Scholars have suggested that the reliance on music and song in the Hebrew Bible and in Jewish life stems in part from the second commandment — which prohibits the manufacture of idols or graven images.

Prayer and praise for God were therefore chanelled through words and music, as can be attested by the majestic psalms of David and their superscriptions which provide information about their musical form. The Hebrew Bible abounds in description of various instruments which were used in worship services.

The most powerful instrument of all, according to musicologists, is the human voice. Used along with others in choirs it is a splendid conveyance for uplifting the soul of a people.

The music of the synagogue is enjoying a well earned revival along with other manifestations of the folk music of the Jewish people. It is a felicitous development.

Paving the way

Irving S. Shapiro, chairman and chief executive officer of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, plans to retire in April when he reaches the mandatory retirement age of 65.

Company presidents come and go, so what, you may ask, is so special about Irving S. Shapiro?

Simply this: Shapiro was a pioneer, a barrier-breaker, someone who merits at least a prominent footnote in U.S. Jewish history.

To the best of our knowledge, he was the first Jew in the U.S. to be appointed chief operating officer of a major U.S. corporation. Parenthetically, he was also the first Yiddish-speaking American to hold such a post. We don't know whether Shapiro ever found a pressing need to launch into Yiddish. It doesn't matter. What counts is that he had more than merely a nodding acquaintance with the mamaloshen.

He joined Du Pont in 1951 and, 22 years later, was appointed vice-chairman. On Jan. 1, 1974, the board of directors voted to install Shapiro, trained as a lawyer, numero uno of the country's largest chemical company.

As far as we know, Shapiro has not disappointed his admirers. When he leaves in a few months from now, Du Pont will probably be in good financial shape . . . hard times notwithstanding.

When we think about it, the saga of Irving S. Shapiro has been quite extraordinary. For it wasn't too long ago that Jews were barred, tacitly or otherwise, from the boardroom of America's corporations. Jews are still underrepresented in senior corporate positions, for one reason or another, but the bad old days may be a thing of the past.

Irving S. Shapiro, chutzpah or no chutzpah, has paved the way for others to follow in his footsteps. The road is certainly long and arduous, but it's there where once it wasn't. That's a measure of how U.S. democracy, which hasn't always lived up to billings, has matured.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Feb. 10, 1850, is the birth date of industrialist Johann Kremenetsky, a founder and first director of the Jewish National Fund.

At the age of 30, Kremenetsky built Austro-Hungary's first factory for light bulbs, in Vienna. He met and became a close friend of another Vienna personality, Theodor Herzl.

Kremenetsky was elected to the First Zionist Congress in 1897. He was impressed with a proposal by a Lithuanian-born professor of mathematics at Heidelberg University, Herman Schapira, for a public-owned land acquisition body in the Holy Land.

Schapira suggested that lands acquired by such a body be leased, not sold, to individuals. Kremenetsky pressed for additional functions such a body should perform: afforestation and land reclamation.

On the basis of his proposals, the JNF was established on Dec. 29, 1901 as the land purchasing arm of what was to become the World Zionist Organization. It was three years after Schapira died.

Two basic goals have served the JNF since: to acquire land and to make it available for public use.

Lands were leased out for a 49-year term, according to the biblically prescribed institution of the Jubilee Year. Leases could be renewed or passed on as inheritances, if their original purposes were adhered to. JNF lands could not be divided or incorporated with other domains. Rents were to be kept at a minimum.

Kremenetsky became the JNF's first director, in 1902. He installed fund raising machinery in Europe and North America. He developed the utensils that were to become the symbols of active Zionism: JNF stamps, the blue pushke and the Golden Book for large-scale donors.

The JNF was able to make its first land purchase within two years — Kfar Hittim in the Lower Galil. In 1908, Bet Shemen and Huldah in Judea, and Kinneret and Deganya, near Lake Kinneret, were acquired, and the first tree plantings were made.

In 1921, the first large new settlement area was purchased, 10,000 acres in the Jezreel Valley. Shortly afterwards, against the opposition of Arab nationalists and the British colonial administrators, the JNF bought the Hefer Valley in the Plain of Sharon and the Zebulon Valley, Haifa's hinterland. This created a continuous chain of Jewish holdings.

At the same time, the JNF provided long-term loans to builders in Tel Aviv. It acquired land for, among others, the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem, Herzlia High School in Tel Aviv and the Technion in Haifa.

The plight of European Jewry in the 30s led to intensified land acquisitions, bringing Jewish settlements to new regions: Bet Shean, the Hula Valley, and the western Galil. Corridors were created between the populations of the coastal plain and the interior.

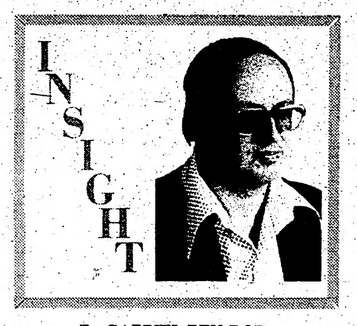
The 1939 British White Paper barred panicked European Jewry from escaping into the only land in the world being readied for it. Millions of potential new immigrants perished.

During the war years and immediately afterwards, the JNF prepared southern Israel and parts of the Negev for settlement. JNF settlements influenced United Nations territorial allocations for an independent Jewish state. Strong JNF border settlements played an important role in repelling or delaying Arab attacks with minimum casualties, in the War of Independence and in the three wars after that.

JNF land reclamation, drainage, afforestation, road-building and landscaping continue on a massive scale in proportion to Israel's needs. The Galil and the Negev are the focus of particular attention now.

The JNF remains a living tribute to Joseph Kremenetsky, the practical visionary who founded it.

Obtaining U.S. standard of living difficult, partially contributes to Likud's demise



By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

At the time of this writing, the Begin government has decided to terminate its term, and **attempt** to call new elections (this is an act that necessitates legislation by the Knesset) in July.

The elections may be held somewhat earlier, if the opposition has its way, which is not impossible.

In any case, the Begin government will be able to realize its ambition for governing longer than any other government in modern Israel, but without serving out its maximum legal term to November. It may be well to recall that the previous Israeli government, led by Mr. Rabin, also failed to complete its term, and called elections half a year earlier than planned, with disastrous results for the then ruling Labor Party.

Pundits and pollsters are unanimous in predicting a similarly disastrous outcome for the Likud in the upcoming campaign. Polls, of course, have been proven wrong or grossly inaccurate many times, but in Israel there is a growing feeling, reflecting an evidently widely shared national consensus, that the outgoing government is going to be soundly defeated — the interesting questions remaining thus being reduced to guessing the size and consequences of the predicted victory for Labor in terms of its ability to govern in the future.

The Likud appears demoralized, plagued by factionalism and defections and it seems to have a "mental fatigue," like cars of exhaustion, which is manifest in a lethargic attitude to the burning socio-economic questions of the day. In fact, cynics will argue, that all this bears a resemblance to the last days of the Rabin government four years ago.

Since then, of course, the Begin government has produced a striking historical achievement in the peace treaty with Egypt, and a monumental failure of "achieving" a world record in triple-digit inflation.

Still, the fact is that all of Israel's last three Prime Ministers have had to quit before the end of their term, the last two governments having been plagued by charges of corruption, scandals and disintegration into small, bellicose factions that could be controlled neither by the analytical-pragmatic style of a Rabin nor by the ideological charismatic style of a Begin.

Has Israel become ungovernable?

The Likud victory in 1977 made sense. Labor had been in power for 44 years, a world record in the Western democracies, shared only by the Swedish social democrats, who were also voted out of office at about the same time. The right wing mood in the West that produced a Mrs. Thatcher, or a Mr. Reagan was felt in Israel too. The anti-establishment feelings that drove Mrs. Ghandi and Mr. Ford out of office also made their impact.

Surveys had consistently shown that younger people and Jews from Afro-Asian countries were alienated from the Labor establishment, and they were rapidly becoming a majority. Besides, Labor still had to pay for the blunders of October, 1973.

It is notable, that in complete contrast to the impression sometimes created in the North American press, that issues of foreign policy played a remarkably minor role in the 1977 elections, and the same is likely to be the case in 1981. Although Mr. Begin perceives himself (and is also so perceived by others) as an ideologue of security and territorial issues, these have had a relatively small role in his own political fortunes.

The Israeli public — like its counterparts all over the Western world — basically votes its pocketbook. The rise and fall of Mr. Begin stem from reasons unrelated to the questions he is interested in (which, of course, is part of the problem to begin with).

Some observers correctly identify a crisis in Zionism, a movement that has had innumerable ups and downs since its very inception. There is only so much a Begin or Rabin can do about a trough in these fortunes, which are often governed by global, political and psychological trends.

The specific problems of the Begin government, and with its predecessor, however, have to do above all with a particularly aggravated version of a problem well known in North America and Western Europe: the inability to pay for an expensive welfare state, which is run by a huge governmental apparatus run by a coalition based on social forces that have been accustomed to demanding and receiving even more of whatever this apparatus had to offer.

The scarcity of domestic resources and of course the demands of security aggravate the case of Israel; on the other hand the ability to mobilize outside resources (German reparations, U.S. aid and above all, contributions of Jews in the Diaspora) make up the other side of the ledger.

For well over a decade, Israel got used not only to an ever-increasing standard of living, but it also became integrated into the value-system of the Western world: the idea that more is better, that material possessions are the most worthwhile goals to pursue, that newer cars, larger apartments, flashy gadgets and trips to Europe are the proper objects of pursuit for the well-off citizen. Moreover, the idea struck roots that the middle-class Israeli "deserved" these things as a matter of right, and blamed the "government" if they became less attainable.

In short, the superficial norms of a materialistic, hedonisitic America were adopted, not only at a time when the Americans themselves became increasingly disenchanted with the norms, but also by a country that simply lacks America's resources to maintain such a standard of living, something that even the mighty U.S. finds increasingly difficult.

To a great many young Israelis, the implications of such a situation were painfully obvious. If the ultimate goal in life is an American standard of living, why not go to America, experience the "real thing" in a country that seems to be able to afford it, rather that settle for a pale imitation in a country that manifestly cannot afford even that? The answer is unfortunate, in the number of tens of thousands of young, well-trained Israelis all over North America, creating a new Diaspora of demoralizing dimensions.

The worthwhile aims of statemanship are, and will always be: freedom, peace and prosperity. The Rabin and Begin governments undoubtedly took many important steps on the road to these lofty goals, but both failed in either offering an alternative vision to the materialistic utopia of "little America" **or** in building a socio-economic structure capable of satisfying the aspirations inherent in the latter, which has increasingly mesmerized Israeli society.

The idea of the Jewish state as a community offering a way of life and a quality of life **of its own**, rather than slavishly copying everything American, has not been realized. In failing to realize this idea, in acquiescing in the triumph of materialism (and in the case of Rabin, in personally following its norms) the Israeli leadership set up a monster that now devours its own creator (a real "golum").

The fact is that even the advanced, highly industrialized countries that have far fewer enemies and far greater resources than Israel are going bankrupt in maintaining the ever-increasing machinery of the welfare state in an era of worldwide recession, inflation and stagnation. While the Begin government has managed to make peace with Egypt, it has failed in making this as a turning point in bolstering public morale, in liberating massive resources from defence spending, in enhancing a sense of security, in attracting more investment.

Notwithstanding its liberal rhetoric, the only real economic reform was in the field of foreign exchange, which, while helping with the balance of trade and currency reserves, contributed mightily to inflation.

Little was accomplished in fighting over-regulation, corruption, poor productivity, bad labor relations and in trimming the overwhelming size of the state apparatus.

The ultimate scramble was for acquiring color television sets; however, Israelis know full well that if this is what life is about, in North America such sets can receive ten times as many channels for one-quarter of the price or less.

The senseless worship of ever-increasing material goods in an age of evident scarcity, encouraged and financed by a huge state sector thriving on paying off and buying off most groups in society, may soon devour even the most secure and prosperous societies in the West. It is completely useless for Israel to compete with them.

From this difficult situation, even a heroic, romantic idealist-nationalist like Mr. Begin found no exit.

Now that the election campaign is getting under way, his likely successor, the pragmatic Mr. Peres, starts promising too many things to too many people. If he wins, he can either keep most of his promises and fuel even more inflation, or he can fight inflation at the cost of people getting less material goods and getting more out of life in the Jewish state in other ways.

In the latter course, the Rabin and Begin governments have manifestly failed. Is a Peres government more likely to succeed? This judgment is now up to the Israeli voter, who should make it as if his future depended on it. **It does.**

COMING HOME [Religious News Service photo]

A happy group of U.S ex-hostages waves to crowd on arrival in Algiers, following 444 days of captivity in Iran. Seen from left are: Barry Rosen, one of three Jewish hostages, a U.S. embassy press attache; Donald Cooke, vice-consul; Kathryn Koob, a cultural officer in the International Communications Agency; and two unidentified associates.

Anshel Wise

Loving guide to Polish immigrants

By J. B. SALSBERG

It may be assumed that other Canadian Jewish communities were also favored with individuals that approximated Toronto's Anshel Wise. But I doubt whether they came close to Toronto's longtime guide and guardian of so many immigrants for so long as did Anshel Wise.

For nearly 60 years (from 1919 to 1977) the intelligent, secular-oriented young man from Apt (Opatov), Poland, presided over a "steamship ticket office" that became a non-profit centre catering to the special and, oftentimes, peculiar needs of the massive, Polish-Jewish wave of immigrants that reached Toronto after World War I.

Anshel Wise, the founder and diligent operator of the steamship ticket office that bore his name for half a century, became the friend, the father confessor, the guide and the protector of the immigrants from the small Polish shtetlech as they began taking their first unsure steps in this new land.

In fact, Anshel Wise knew and serviced his clients even before they came to his country until he successfully completed their applications for old age pensions, many years later.

Anshel became a respected institution in his own right.

Anshel Wise

But it may help our younger generation of readers to understand the unique place that a figure like Mr. Wise occupied in our predominantly immigrant community 50 and more years ago, if I were to provide some background uniterial. So here it is, in the briefest of capsules.

When our fathers or forefathers turned their faces to the new world they naturally had to cross the Atlantic and that could only be done by help. So, what we now call travel agencies or travel offices were then called "steamship ticket offices."

But Jewish-operated offices quickly became more than sellers of tickets for one or another steamship lines. One of the first things that most immigrants did, after they secured a steady job, was to purchase tickets for a brother, a sister, a wife or a father, who had been left in the "old country" with the promise that a "shifskarte" (steamship ticket) would be sent without undue delay.

But one couldn't wait until one had saved the money required for a ticket, so one purchased one or more tickets from one's favorite "shifskantur" (ticket office) for so much down and so much weekly or monthly until the full price was paid. More often than not, an immigrant's first earnings went to the shifskantur to cover the cost of the ticket that brought him or her here.

Fifty or 60 years ago, Toronto could boast of quite a few Jewish shifskanturn. There was a Rothenberg office, and the Louis Gurofsky, the H. (Chanan) Dworkin, the Sandle Payman, the Zivitz. In 1919 came the A. Wise steamship ticket office on Dundas St. between Elizabeth and Bay. The Wise office survived them all and only Zivitz came anywhere close to providing the kind of service that Anshel Wise extended.

After their arrival, our forerunners became roomers or boarders with friends, relatives or just landsleit. One's address was quite impermanent and Anshel's place became the first Canadian address that one forwarded to his own in the old country. Anshel thus became a veritable postman for scores or even hundreds of new immigrants.

A most reliable witness told me that when his father, an Apter landsman, came to Toronto he sent his wife, who remained at home with the children, Anshel's business card with instructions to write him to that address until further notice.

She with the aid of her children, followed her husband's instructions literally, to the letter. Her first letter was, therefore, addressed as follows: "Mr. M. Goldberg,
c/o Mr. A. Wise,
Steamship tickets, stationery, cigars, cigarettes, also candies,
. . . Dundas Street West,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada."

Hundreds of others used A. Wise's shifskantur as the link that connected and ultimately re-united families in the new world.

But there is more that should be related and I hope to do so next week.

Importance of Hebron debated as more Jews settle

PRO & CON

Hebron, the West Bank town, is holy to Jews and Arabs. Last May, the Israeli government decided to step up settlement activity in Hebron after six yeshiva students — one of them a Canadian from Montreal — were killed by Palestinian terrorists. Today, that policy is being implemented.

Several questions arise: What does Hebron mean to Jews? How wise was the government when it permitted Jews to settle in the centre of this town? And, in a larger context, how viable is the government's policy toward settlement on the West Bank?

Middle East International, published in Britain, condemns the policy, both in its small and large dimensions. So does Chaim Bermant, writing in The Jewish Chronicle of London. In The Times of London, William Frankel addresses a plea to Menachem Begin.

An opposite point of view is brought to the fore by three writers. R. David Hollander, in the Jewish Press of New York, examines Hebron's place in Jewish history. Leon Lauterbach, in a letter in The New York Times, says the media have no understanding of why Jews seek to live in Hebron. Mark Derovan, president of the Southern California chapter of the American Zionist Federation, remarks in a letter to the Los Angeles Times that Jews have as much right to live in Hebron as in Tel Aviv.

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Reasearch of this feature is by Sheldon Kirshner.

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MIDDLE EAST INTERNATIONAL:

By authorizing Jewish settlers to establish themselves in the West Bank city of Hebron, the Israeli government has brought to a standstill the search for peace in the Middle East. It has dealt what looks like the final blow to the 'peace process' outlined at Camp David. It has confirmed and consolidated the opposition of the Palestinians to what they already regarded as a fraudulent strategem with which they were unwilling to associate themselves.

It has openly defied the UN Security Council, whose resolution called upon Israel "to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem" and to dismantle the existing settlements. To the governments which voted for that resolution, and which have a direct interest in the stability of the Middle East, this presents a challenge which would be dangerous to ignore.

The decision of the Israeli cabinet has far-reaching implications, as some of Mr. Begin's ministerial colleagues clearly recognized. In taking it, the Israelis threw down the gauntlet, not just to the Palestinians, but to all those who now accept the right of the Palestinians to self-determination. If the decision had the support of the former terrorists in the cabinet, like Mr. Begin himself and his foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir (who was one of the triumvirate directing the operations of the Stern Gang when it murdered Count Bernadotte in 1948), it was opposed by those ministers who still retain some sense of proportion.

The cabinet decision prompted the leading Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz to comment that it was no longer possible to explain the actions of the Israeli government on any rational grounds. But the decision to settle Jews in Hebron was in line with the whole of Israel's settlement policy, now and in the past, in Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank, in the Golan Heights and Sinai and everywhere else; and because that policy has succeeded so well in the past and has provoked nothing more than verbal opposition, it is not surprising that the Israelis should have become blind to its shortcomings.

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By CHAIM BERMANT

The government has sown the wind and is reaping the whirlwind. Every nation has its lunatic fringe, but Israel is the one free country in the world where such a fringe — and I am referring, of course, to the Gush Emunim — enjoys not only the tolerance, but state patronage. The government has put its full resources at the disposal of the movement, and has ordered the army not only to defend it, but to prepare its sites, move its homes, and generally act as its hewers of wood and drawers of waters. And wherever there are protests against the spread of such settlements, one is answered with the word "security."

It is the new password. In the name of security, papers are banned, movement is restricted, people are deported without due process of the law, land is expropriated, families are made homeless, and whole communities are exploited and oppressed.

There are circumstances when such measures — and worse — become necessary, but the Gush Emunim settlements have nothing to do with security. Moshe Dayan has said as much. The Gush itself has confessed to as much, and far from reinforcing the defence perimeter of the country, it poses a security problem, and much of the unrest on the West Bank derives from its efforts. And, in any case, the idea of entrusting security outposts to the motley collection of cranks, fanatics, dropouts (mostly American) and common or garden lunatics who form more than a small part of the Gush is laughable.

One might have thought that Mr. Begin and his colleagues would have learned something from the experience of the Bourbons, the Hapsburgs, the British, the French, the Dutch, the Italians, the Belgians, the Portuguese and others, all of whom thought they could maintain their dominion over subject peoples until the end of time, but were forced eventually to withdraw.

Israel, however, has defied so many other rules of history and economics that they, and their supporters abroad, think they will escape the fate which — with one exception — has overtaken all other empires. The exception is, of course, Soviet Russia, but Russia is large enough, strong enough and brutal enough to get away with it (for the time being). Israel is not.

The classical cycle of unrest and oppression, oppression and unrest, has already begun and Mr. Begin's ambition will be frustrated, not only because of the yearning for freedom common to all people — even Arabs — but because the Jewish conscience — within Israel and without — will not permit it. When the army dumped two Arab families in abandoned refugee camps, there was an international outcry, but nowhere was the outcry more vehement and sustained than in Israel itself, and the families were restored to their homes . . .

Israel is supremely capable of defending itself against external enemies, but rather less effective, and perhaps even less determined, in defending itself against the enemy within. If extremists and extremism are allowed to flourish and are allowed to think that they are not only above the law, but above the expressed will of the people, Israel will find herself fighting the one war which she could lose — a war between Jews.

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By WILLIAM FRANKEL

The Jews of the world, Israel's partners in the creation of the Jewish state, have not ventured opinions as to the final boundaries for the country because Israelis alone should determine their security necessities. But Zionist ideology is another matter. Jews feel free to differ from your views and from your efforts to implement them at this time and without a semblance of national consensus.

Now you have railroaded through your deeply divided cabinet a proposal to establish Jewish schools in the centre of Hebron, now all Arab. I understand your feelings. Hebron is hallowed in the Jewish tradition as the burial place of the patrairchs and as the home of pious Jews until the massacre of 1929 when 67 were killed by Arab raiders. A return of Jews to this venerated site would be a symbolic act of significance. And few would deny your assertion that Jews should be as free to live peacefully in the West Bank as do Arabs in Israel.

What has bewildered and disheartened Israel's friends is your determination to translate your principles into action just now. . .

What is there to be gained by this action other than approval from the religious zealot minority and their cabinet spokesman General Sharon? I see it as doing nothing but damage to Israel's best interest . . .

Israel's friends, a diminishing number of nations and individuals, are being alienated. Opinion in the free world does matter to Israel, however isolated and betrayed she may feel just now. Jewish leaders in both this country and the United States deplore the Hebron decision, while many of them who have supported Israel materially as well as politically, question the spending of millions on a provocative gesture at a time of such economic strain.

It is natural that Israel should feel bitter as nations cynically abandon principles and fairness in their eagerness to curry favour with the oil-rich Arabs. But acts of reckless defiance can only strengthen Israel's enemies, discourage such symapthizers as are left, confuse and demoralize the Jewish people and deepen divisions within Israel at a time when national unity was never more necessary.

In public, Jewish leaders are reluctant to break ranks with Israel. It may be that you interpret the absence of public criticism as support, or that you are misinformed about the deep anxiety of world Jewry or that you have become insulated against realities. Whatever prompted the misguided Hebron decision, I hope that, as in the past, you may be persuaded to change course or that the Knesset committee, to which the issue has been referred, may do so for you.

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By R. DAVID HOLLANDER:

Why Hebron?

This is a question that the settlers have been asked every time they have ever been in Hebron, and it is the question that the Israeli government has been asked ever since it gave Jews the right to settle in Hebron. Why should we be settling particularly in Hebron when there are so many other places in Israel that must be settled?

Abraham, the first Jew, was commanded by G-d to go to Canaan, and even though we ask ourselves why Hebron?, it never entered Abraham's mind to question the word of G-d. Instead of questioning the purpose of leaving his home to settle in a new land and start a Jewish nation there, Abraham followed what G-d had commanded.

Abraham our forefather, taught us that, we are not always able to understand the commands of G-d, yet we must always follow them. This is what Abraham did when he was commanded to go to Israel, and this is what he did when he went to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

This is the power of a Holy concept, an idea above the plane of natural existence. Our connection with this holiness is a fitting one, and we are only able to conprehend it on those rare moments of spiritual elevation. Despite all this we completely accept upon ourselves the commands and decrees of G-d, thereby elevating both ourselves and the world — bringing both closer to holiness.

Similarly, though it is hard to comprehend, there are different levels of holiness even wihtin Eretz Yisroel. Jerusalem is above all — everyone understands this. And that we will never give up Jerusalem is inscribed on the lips of every Jew.

But what about Hebron? Certainly Abraham had good reason to choose Hebron over all of Israel when it came time to bury Sarah! Was Abraham so short of land that he had to go to the corner of the field of Ephron to buy a small piece of land?

Obviously, Abraham was on a very high spiritual level, and he realized the different levels of holiness within Eretz Yisroel. He knew the special significance of Hebron, that it was from there that the final redemption is to come, and that the kingdon of Israel could only be established in Hebron. And that is why Abraham had to pick Hebron, and only Hebron.

It is very natural that Jews always wanted to live in Hebron. And that is why for hundreds of years Jews lived there and Jews in the Diaspora yearned to be able to go there to live. That is how within the same city of Hebron, there were Jewish communities from all over the world. Chassidim and Mitnagdim, Ashkenazim and Sephardim all had flourishing communities in the holy city of Hebron.

In the same way, when Yehudah and Shomron were liberated 13 years ago, it was natural for there to be a strong desire to resettle Hebron, after it has been deserted for so many years, following the massacre of 1929.

The settlers in those days after the Six Day War lived under primitive conditions. Yet they continued on to establish the modern city of Kiryat Arbah, a short distance from the holy city of Hebron. But all this was done with the intention of eventually settling the holy city of Hebron.

For 13 years the people of Kiryat Arbah waited to return to Hebron and to renew Jewish life there. For 13 years Hebron was bereft of Jews.

However in Nisan 5738, a group of Jewish women, united in the tradition of Devorah and Yehudit went into the Jewish Quarter in Hebron and redeemed Jewish land from foreign hands. On that very night "the children returned to their borders." This was the way that Jewish settlement in Hebron was renewed. Our holy matriarchs Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah saw how their daughters continue in the Jeish tradition.

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By LEON LAUTERBACH:

For thousands of years, there have been four holy cities for Jews, Jerusalem, Hebron, Safed and Tiberias, in order of importance. Somehow, particularly of late, the facts about the Jewish "connection" in Hebron have not been disseminated fairly and squarely by the media. Tensions between Arab and Jew have been described, killings and retaliations duly reported, but the background story has not been told.

Here, then, are some historical facts easily verified in any public library:

The Jewish matriarch Sarah died in Hebron; her husband, the Patriarch Abraham, purchased the cave at Machpelah in Hebron from Ephron the Hittite for 400 shekels of silver, to be used as a burial ground for Sarah. Subsequently, Abraham, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Leah were all interred at Machpelah.

In Hebron, David was anointed King of Israel.

More than 1,000 years after the burial of the matriarchs and patriarchs, King Herod built the imposing structure above the cave at Machpelah, still extant. Herod completed the walled structure more than 600 years before the birth of Mohammed.

Machpelah is probably the second most holy site for traditional Jews. For thousands of years, Jews worshipped at and in Machpelah. Unfortunatey, it has not been continuous. The Arabs conquered Hebron in the seventh century. From the 13th century until 1967, more than 700 years, Jews were forbidden by the Arabs to enter the structure or go beyond the outside seventh step.

During that time, the Arabs carved out of a wall in Machpelah a kibla, or Moslem holy place. Arab and Moslem religious leaders claimed Hebron and Machpelah solely for themselves. Jews were barred from worshipping inside their Machpelah.

The world reacted, as it somehow always does when Jewish worhsip is involved, with the sound of a powder puff. Not until the Israeli army captured Hebron in 1967 was this insidious religious discrimination ended.

And how have the Israelis acted during the last 13 years? They have permitted all peoples to worship freely in Machpelah, notwithstanding Judaism's sole historical and legal title.

It was not sufficient for the Arabs to bar Jews from inside Machpelah. In 1929 they determined to eliminate Jews from Hebron itself. Sixty-seven were killed, 60 wounded, and the balance of the Jewish community (600 men, women and children) were forced to flee. Synagogues were razed and Torah scrolls burned. In 1936, after some Jews had returned, the British "evacuated" them in response to new Arab threats.

The Arabs do not want Jews in Hebron. They do not want Jews worshiping in Machpelah.

There are many Jews and many Israelis who have no interest in Hebron or Machpelah. Some of them are reporters for Israeli newspapers, some are American columnists, some are Israeli military men and some are Israeli politicians. But there are many Israelis and Jews throughout the world for whom Machpelah and Hebron have tremendous religious significance. They believe Jews have a historical and legal right to live in Hebron and to worhsip freely at Machpelah. They will not be intimidated by secular Israelis, nor by American or Israeli politicians or Arab guerillas.

Unless and until our American media and our American government comprehend the deep religious feeling for Machpelah and Hebron of a vast segment of Israelis and world Jewry (perhaps a majority, perhaps not), then the actions of these believers in remaining in Hebron and worshipping in Machpelah will neither be understood nor accepted.

These Jews are really asking no more, nor less, than the respect given by civilized people to men, women and children who find solace at their respective religious shrines.

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By MARK DEROVAN:

Your editorial has struck a new low in your understanding and appreciation for the Israeli position in the Middle East.

To say that Israeli citizens do not have the legal right to reside in Hebron because the preponderance of the population in that city is Arabic makes as much sense as saying that American citizens who are not Latinos have no right to live in Boyle Heights because the majority of the people living there are of Spanish descent.

Israeli citizens have as much right to live in Hebron, the city in which David was anointed king of Israel, as Arabs have to live in Tel Aviv, Netanya or Haifa, a right that no one disputes. If Jews can reside legally in Los Angeles, New York, Paris or Cairo, then they certainly have the right to reside in Judea or Samaria.

The so-called "zealots" now living in Hebron are occupying a building built and owned by Jews, which has never been occupied by Arabs. No Arabs have been displaced by this or any other settlement in Judea and Samaria.

To create an area within the biblical state of Israel which would be Judenrein would be both illogical and unthinkable. Arabs must learn to live peacefully together with Jews, even in Hebron, the city whose name derives from the Hebrew root, Chaver, or friend, just as they live together in peace in Tel Aviv, Haifa or Los Angeles.

University student lived in Muslim republic of USSR, says area caught between traditional, modern lifestyles

By BEVERLEY STERN

Nancy Lubin, 26, is currently preparing a paper for the U.S. state department on Soviet Centra Asia — an area of Muslim republics in the USSR which border on Iran, Afghanistan and China. From 1978-79, Lubin spent a whole year living in the republic of Uzbekistan, where the Soviets poured millions of dollars trying to Russify and modernize.

What was a nice Jewish girl like Lubin doing in the centre of a potential Muslim-Russian hothouse?

Well, during that year Lubin did doctoral research at the university in Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan. While studying, she lived with a Muslim family, and travelled across the four Muslim republics which make up Soviet Central Asia. Prior to this, the plucky Lubin had also led the first group of U.S. amateur skiers and ski writers to the Caucasus Mountains in 1977 — and in 1974-75, she studied at Leningrad State University under auspices of an international student exchange.

In Toronto recently to visit family and address a National Council of Jewish Women study group, Lubin gave The CJN a fascinating story of her sojourn in Soviet Central Asia. In this article, Lubin tells why Soviet Central Asia — an area of Muslim life and culture lying right in the soft underbelly of Russia — is gaining the increasing attention of the U.S. state department.

In her comments, Lubin makes it clear that her views are her own, and do not in any way represent U.S. state department policy.

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A Kremlin watcher, a hostess, guide and interpreter for top-ranking Soviet visitors to the U.S., Nancy Lubin says that Soviet Central Asia is giving the USSR plenty to think about these days.

Muslim Central Asia came under the rule of the Russians during the period of the czars. But hardly any Russians ever came to live in the area or even took notice of it — until the Bolsehvik revolution of 1917.

Since then, says Lubin, ideologically zealous Communist regimes have moved heaven and earth to eradicate the Muslim religion and culture as well as the individual national identities which had emerged.

How has it all turned out?

Problematic, says Lubin. Today, there are four Soviet Central Asian republics which are considered Muslim — Uzbekistan, Tadzhistan, Turkmenistan and Kirgizia — all caught in the flux between tradition and modernism.

Growing at the rate of 36 per 1,000 compared to the population growth of the ethnic Russians—which is 12 to 1,000—the Muslims are gaining in numbers in the Soviet labor force as well as in the Soviet army.

How loyal will their allegiance be to kremlin causes?

After Ayatollah Khomeini's rise to power in neighboring Iran and after the Soviet push into Afghanistan, Lubin says the kremlin is concerned about the spilloff effects amongst the 30 million Muslims now living in Soviet Central Asia.

Will there be a religious revival along the lines of Khomeini's fundamentalism? Will there be a sense of ethnic and cultural solidarity with Islam? Will the Central Asian republics push for their own autonomy separate from their Slav or Russian masters?

[Marlo Fieldstone photo]

Nancy Lubin displays artifacts from Soviet central Asia.

In reply, Lubin tells many stories which capture the ambivalence of Central Asians.

Her Tashkent "mother," Saura Abdullaeva, for example, worked in a Russian tractor factory, and in her home she had a sewing machine, TV, two radios and modern Russian furniture. The family also drove a car. But as soon as Saura got home from work, she doffed her Western garb for traditional Asian clothing. She observed major Islamic holidays, spoke primarily in Uzbek — not Russian — and was busy aranging the marriage of her daughter to a young man studying to be a doctor.

The first time Lubin went to buy laundry detergent in a Tashkent department store, she spoke in Russian. When she explained she didn't have the correct change, the salesman took back the detergent and replied: "Then you'll have to wear dirty underwear."

"I was shocked at his hostility," says Lubin. "When he saw my confusion, he then asked me where I was from. When I told him I was from the United States, he gave me change, and the detergent right away, and apologized profusely. He just hated the Russians."

After the Russians pushed into Afghanistan, Lubin heard reports that all the Central Asian personnel of a Soviet combat brigade were executed for refusing to fight against fellow Muslims in Afghanistan.

Another story coming out of Tadzhikistan, which borders on Afghanistan, said that all the Red Army troops stationed there were carefully screened to eliminate Central Asians — only Russians of European extraction were allowed.

But while many Central Asians view Russians with distaste, it is equally true, says Lubin, that the Slavic Russians have their own complaints.

According to Lubin, Slavic Russians resent the affirmative action program Moscow has launched to bring Central Asians up to the standards of the rest of the USSR.

"Like the supporters of Allan Bakke in the U.S. (who argued he was discriminated against because he was white), Russians told me they were denied jobs and opportunities for which they had superior qualifications in order to make way for the leass qualified central Asians," says Lubin.

Despite affirmative action for Central Asians, the kremlin is wary of moving Central Asians into real decision-making positions. In every Central Asian republic, while the natives nominally sit at the top, its really the Russians, she says, that pull the strings.

In matters of religion and languages, the kremlin finds itself in a bind.

"To provide a safety valve for surviving religious feeling," she says, "the Soviet regime allows the opening of a new teaching seminary in Uzbekistan."

At the same time, she points out, the Soviet government clamps down on religion in school curricula. It insists that all schools now teach scientific atheism. Students who write too favorably about religion are asked to do rewrites.

In matters of language, the kremlin is piqued by the stolid loyalty most Central Asians show for their native dialects. In Uzbekistan, even though the numbers speaking Russian jumped from 14.5% to 49.3% between 1970-79, Uzbeks stubbornly insist on using their local tongues during work and recreational hours, says Lubin.

Grudgingly, then, the Russian government prints increasing numbers of scientific journals and newspapers in Central Asian languages because it wants modernization — which in turn will also, it hopes, buy Central Asian loyalties.

In the meantime, the number of hours Central Asians study Russian in school gets higher while the time for local languages gets lower.

What then will be the direction of future Central Asian-ethnic Russian relations?

Although Lubin says such relations are going to be thorny, she doesn't feel Central Asian tensions will spill out in any major political upheaval against the kremlin.

"As the Russians say, 'we've taught them (Central Asians) everything they know,' and there are many Muslims who appreciate what the Russians have taught them," says Lubin.

It is also well to remember that Central Asia imports much of what it needs from the Soviet Union, and it is now questionable if it could survive without Moscow's economic support.

Even if Soviet Central Asians were united about what they want in terms of their political and cultural nationality — which they certainly are not — the Russians would squash them "in a twinkling of an eye," Lubin was told by the Asians themselves.

Lubin guesses that because the Soviets know how much they need Central Asia that they will have to deal with Central Asians with great care. There is, after all, a lot at stake.

Not only is Soviet Central Asia a convenient pushing-off base for the Persian Gulf, but it is rich in gold, natural gas and copper. Thanks to Soviet technology, the Murantau mining complex in Uzbekistan, with an estimated 80 tons a year, is said to be the largest single producer of gold in the world.

Over the years, Soviet irrigation techniques has made the Central Asian desert a major supplier of cotton, fruits and vegetables.

With a fast-growing Asian population which will one day dominate the work force and the army, the central USSR government will continue to launch programs which, it hopes, will eventually assimilate Muslims into the mainstream of life.

They may be right. Over the years, the number of mosques has dwindled from over 3,000 across Central Asia to a couple of hundred today. And yet . . . several of Lubin's Uzbek friends told her of a growth in underground religious study groups.

The kremlin knows it's walking on hot coals, says Lubin.

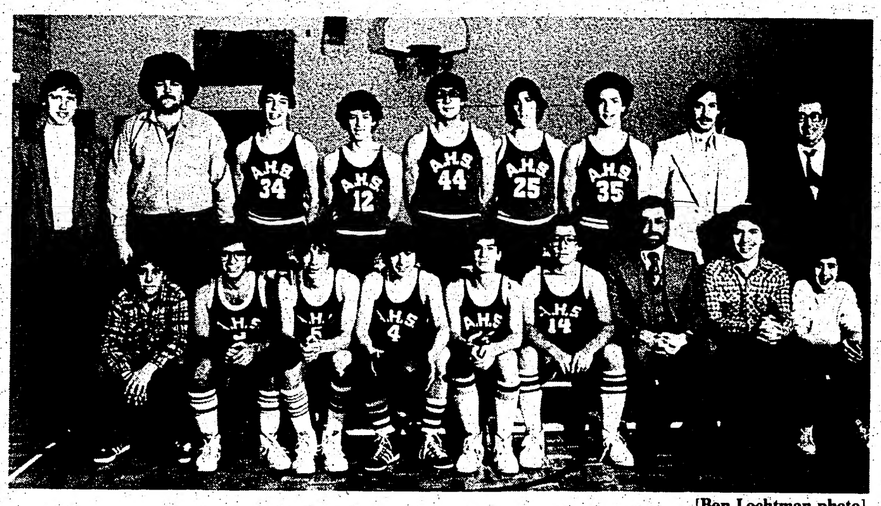
It knows that what happens in its Central Asian republics will have a crucial impact on how it fares as a world power. So does the U.S., says Lubin, and it is for that reason the state department watches events in Central Asia with ever increasing interest.

High calibre competition

Associated team turning in league leading performance

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN



[Ben Lechtman photo]

Associated's basketball team, and others, pause for a photo.

— **There used to be a time** when students attending Hebrew day schools went to those institutions for one purpose . . . to get a good education in both Hebrew and English. They were there to study. They were there to learn . . . and that was it!

Well, times have changed, and **Jerry Rosenfield**, the principal of Associated Hebrew Schools, is just as proud of his school's accomplishments on the basketball court as he is of its accomplishments in the classroom.

In fact, the Associated Hebrew Bantam Tigers are in first place in the Toronto District College Athletic Association league with a 5-2 record. Coach for the team, **Mark Baranek**, told The CJN that "it's a high calibre league that probably has the best competition in the city."

Baranek is now a York University student. He went to Associated for 15 years and came back to his alma mater to coach. He was on the first Associated team — eight years ago — that entered the league. "It was a big deal when we first entered because we were always sports minded and the athletes in the school finally got a chance to compete. We could show we were as good or better than everyone else in the league.

"We used to enjoy going out there and competing . . . with the Magen David on our shorts."

Baranek said the basketball team has been excellent for improving school spirit. He said: "The kids on the team come out after school and on Sunday for practice. They do that along with carrying a full double curriculum. The guys spend seven hours a week practicing and they also have to maintain good marks or they're asked to leave the team."

The Tigers, who are supported through student council fund raising programs, have three games remaining in their 10-game schedule and then it will be time for playoffs. Baranek and Rosenfield are talking about winning the whole shooting match this year and if that should happen it would be the first time the 11-man basketball team from Associated would have captured the league title.

Some 3,900 fans jammed every available seat and the upper tiers of North York's Centennial Arena to watch a first time match between the NHL Oldtimers and the B'nai B'rith All Star team.

Proceeds from the event will support the educational programs of the League for Human Rights. The League is an agency of Canadian B'nai B'rith, dedicated to combating racism and discrimination in Canada.

In what was an unusual hockey tactic for the NHL Oldtimers, they played a relatively serious game, dashing the B'nai B'rith team 11-5.

BB goalie Morrie Frydberg, who made a few great saves against the Oldtimers, said that "making that one stop on Norm Ullman was probably the highlight of my hockey career. This game, for myself and the rest of the team, was the realization of a boyhood dream of playing against NHL calibre players."

Plans are already under way for a rematch next season. The Oldtimers were overwhelmed by the crowd turnout and fan response. They said they would be thrilled and honored to have a chance to play for such an enthusiastic and large audience again.

As president of the B'nai B'rith Hockey League, Frydberg expressed his gratification to the Oldtimers, who came out specially between periods to shake hands and sign autographs for the handicapped children brought by the B'nai B'rith lodges.

The 11 goals by the Oldtimers were scored by Norm Ullman — 4, Andy Bathgate — 3, Harry Howell — 2, Pierre Pilote — 1, and Harry Pidhirny — 1. The B'nai B'rith goals were scored as follows: Elliot Rivkin — 2, Dave Schwartz — 2, and Ron Fritz — 1.

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Steve Zetolofsky, who was a member of the 1973 British Maccabiah team, recently won the super heavyweight title at the first World Cup of Power Lifting.

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Larry Rothschild, a pitcher in the Cincinnati Reds chain, was the number one pick in the minor league draft by the American League's Detroit Tigers.

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Jacob Cohen, of Beersheba, is the third Israeli to sign with the English Football League in the past 16 months. The other two Israelis in the league are **Avi Cohen** and **Moshe Garayami**.

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Following is a list of the dates and locations of the final trials for the selection to the 1981 Canadian team for the Maccabiah Games:

Basketball, March 28, 29, Toronto.
Fencing, May 15-17, Vancouver.
Judo, April 11, 12, Montreal.
Karate, April 11, 12, Montreal.
Mini soccer, April 11, 12, Montreal.
Squash, March 28, 29, Toronto.
Tennis, May 30, 31, Edmonton or Winnipeg.
Volleyball, team to be selected at JWB tournament in Washington, in May.
Wrestling, May 10, Montreal.
Yachting/sailing, May 30, 31, Kingston.
Table tennis, April 11, 12, Montreal.
Mini marathon, May 3, Montreal.

For more information on selection to the team, athletes are asked to contact **Bernie Offstein** at 449-6983 after 6 p.m.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman accepts puck from Lani the Robot as NHL Oldtimer Andy Bathgate [left] and BB All Star Harry Basil await face-off.

New JCC post for Brownstein

TORONTO — Paul Brownstein, the director of the northern branch of Toronto's Jewish Community Centre, has been appointed assistant executive director of the JCC.

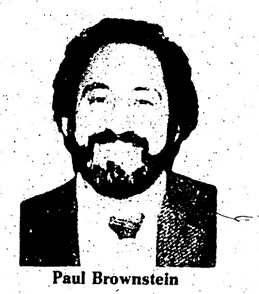
Brownstein's new position was approved by the executive committee of the JCC and his new duties will be in addition to the ones he already has as director of the northern branch.

Sid Brail, executive director of the JCC, told The CJN that the growth of the agency requires additional administrative personnel. Brail said the appointment of Brownstein will allow him to get into areas he hasn't had time to explore.

Brownstein began working at the old YMHA in 1967, first serving as physical education director at the Bloor branch and later working as phys. ed. director and program director at the northern branch. He's been that branch's director for two years.

A native of Edmonton, Brownstein studied physical education and social work at the University of British Columbia. He worked at the Vancouver JCC before coming to Toronto.

Besides his duties at the JCC, the 40-year-old father of two is also on the executive committee of the Canadian Maccabiah Games Association and is vice-president of the East Central chapter of the Association of Jewish Centre Workers.



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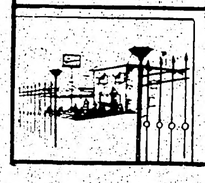

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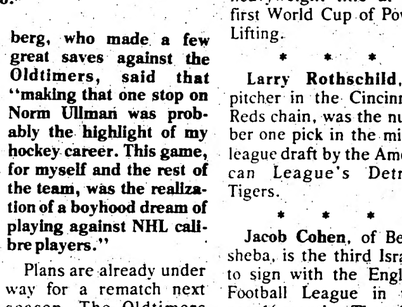

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Where golfers learned what to do in winter

Greystone approaches final end

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — What do golfers do in the winter?

Back in the mid-50s, a group of golfers, many of whom were from the Elm Ridge Golf and Country Club, pondered that question as they sat around the clubhouse forlornly watching the first snowflakes of autumn come down.

Who first suggested it no one remembers today, but a consensus was finally reached around the room that curling would make an ideal cold weather activity. No matter that no one knew how to play that game, the wheels were set in motion for the establishment of the Greystone Curling Club, believed to this day to be the first and only Jewish curling club in the world. (But not really — Winnipeg had its own club many years before that — Ed. note.)

"We're not sure why curling was decided upon," remembers Hy Block, long-time branch representative at Greystone of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, the governing body of the more than 100 curling clubs in Quebec and Eastern Ontario. "Perhaps it was because some of the boys had been stationed out West during the war, where curling is a big sport."

The enthusiasm of those early years unfortunately could not be sustained and the club's leaders, after a decline in interest in curling which began about five years ago, has decided to hang up their brooms and suspend operations at the end of this season, April 30. A car dealership has made an offer to purchase the building at 5055 Pare St.

It looks like the club, which earned a reputation during its 24-year history of being the most hospitable and possessing the greatest camaraderie, as well as having some of the finest facilities, in the district, will go out with a whimper. No farewell affair is being planned and its 234 members will most likely scatter after this season.

Three other clubs, Montreal Thistle, Royal Montreal and Town of Mount Royal, however, have offered to take in the former Greystone members, said Block, who is also the club's honorary secretary.

The Lachine Curling Club was the "mother Club" to the "greens" from Elm Ridge, teaching them the basics of the game before they built their own club in 1957. Irving Macklan was the founding president, and Mabel Wexler, the ladies' president. Today's president is Dave Rubin, and the manager is Howie Morenz Jr., son of the late hockey star.

They brought with them to Greystone the Elm Ridge's maitre d', Yvon Chayer, who is still with the club after 22 years and can take credit for Greystone's other claim to fame — the best food served in the curling district.

Elm Ridge contributed its golf pro, Red Mackenzie, to the fledgling club who was a skip and gave the club a guiding hand in its early days.

The name "Greystone," said Block, simply came from the fact that curling is played with grey stones, and not because several members' names ended in "stone," as popular rumor had it.

The highlights of Greystone's history include the annual hosting of the men's invitational in November and the mixed invitational in April, for all Quebec clubs. Anne Goldman, twice ladies's president, has co-chaired both invitationals for the past 10 years.

In 1972, Greystone was the host of "the Lassie," the finals for the top women's curling teams from each province in Canada.

Ironically, Greystone was at one time a leader in junior curling, mainly due to the efforts of the late Mike Pierce who organized many players aged 12 to 18. A juniors trophy was established by Royal Caledonia in his name in recognition of his efforts.

Greystone also produced some fine players of its own. Names like Phil Berman, Saul Weinstein, Manny Shacter, Sidney Friedman, Saul Goldwarg, Sam Teller, Leo Rosentzveig, Jack Prehogan and Hy Axler stand out.

But Greystone never had the "problem" of having such outstanding players that they were away for outside bonspiels frequently and not around to support their own club. "We just had a hell of a lot of fun, and that's what curling's all about," said Block.

Greystone members, as of last year, stopped taking part in outside bonspiels. For the past four seasons, the club has been open for house games only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday mornings, because barely 60 of its over 200 members actually get out on the ice nowadays.

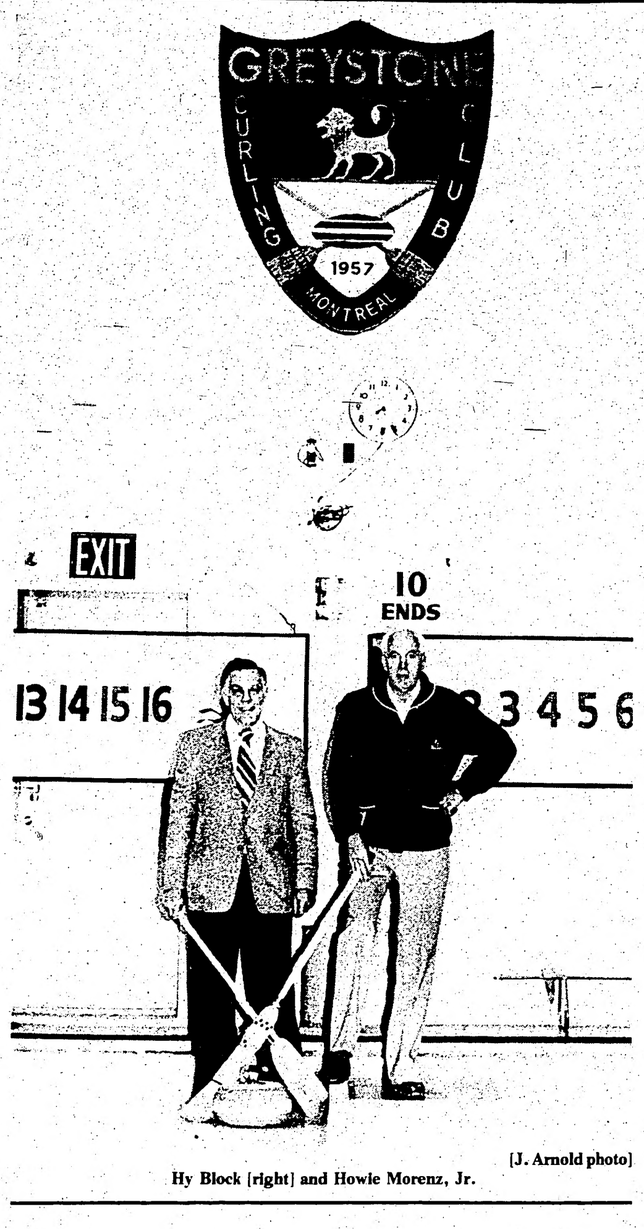
"This is not enough to keep a club open," Block commented sadly. "In the old days, Greystone was open every day of the week except Friday."

Membership has not declined substantially from its peak of about 300 a few years ago, but most of the Greystone members have been content to take part only in the club's social events. Many also go south during the winter.

"There has been a general decline in interest in curling (two other Montreal clubs have closed in recent times — Caledonia and Heather). We had a hard time recruiting young members . . . even the children of our club members," said Block.

Indoor tennis and racquetball have been the big killers of curling, according to Block. Being located in the heart of the city, as Greystone is, doesn't help either. Curling enjoys its greatest popularity in small centres, where there are fewer distractions, he added.

The curling scene in Montreal will be poorer for the loss of Greystone.



[J. Arnold photo]

Hy Block [right] and Howie Morenz, Jr.

Hijack victims may sue for laxity

MONTREAL — Almost five years after Israeli commandos carried out the daring rescue of more than 100 hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, three Montrealers, who were passengers aboard the hijacked Air France plane, may be able to launch lawsuits in New York State.

New York State Supreme Court Judge Edward Greenfield recently ruled that lawsuits by non-Americans against Gulf Air and Singapore Airlines may be heard in the United States.

These are two airlines which four armed Palestinian terrorists boarded to travel from the Arab state of Bahrain to Athens, where they made a connection with the Air France plane on a stopover from Tel Aviv to Paris. The 93 plaintiffs in the case — including Montrealers Salomon Weizman, Anna Ninette and Miriam Field — allege that Gulf Air and Singapore Airlines were lax in the security checks.

A fourth Canadian involved, also a Montreal resident, accepted damages paid by Air France and did not pursue legal action.

Peter Lack, Weizman's and Moreno's lawyer, said that if Gulf Air and Singapore Airlines are brought to court in the United States they could plead to bring in Air France in a third-party suit. To date, Air France has not been brought to court.

Lack said that, if Air France were brought into any possible future hearings, all lawsuits, including those of Israelis, could eventually be tried in the United States.

Field and Moreno are each asking for $300,000 compensation and $1 million in damages. Weizman, whose mother died shortly after learning that her son was on the hijacked plane, is seeking a total of $2.5 million from Gulf Air and Singapore Airlines.

In May, 1978, Weizman and Moreno also filed suits against Air France. Moreno is suing for $230,000 and Weizman for $380,950. All three have refused to be interviewed.

The four terrorists boarded the Air France plane at Athens without further security checks — the Greek police were on strike — and ordered it first to fly to Libya and then to Entebbe. Seven days later, the Israelis carried out their successful mission.

Moreno and Weizman were among the approximately 150 of the 254 passengers who were released before the Israeli raid on July 4, 1976.

Lack said he had been "very disappointed" in a Paris lower Appeal Court's decision a couple of years ago that Air France had no responsibility for the damages sustained by passengers in the hijacking and hostage-taking. The French court came to that decision on the grounds that the Greek police were on strike and no other body was permitted to make security searches at the Athens airport.

Lack believes Air France does have a legal obligation to both passengers who boarded at Athens and those who were already on the plane from Israel. "Air France knew the Greek police were on strike; why then did they pick up passengers in Athens?"

In another earlier judgment, the Supreme Court of Illinois ruled in favor of a motion by Air France that the United States was not a proper forum for lawsuits in connection with the Entebbe incident.

EDC supports sale of Dash-7s to Israel

OTTAWA — **The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the signing of a $21.1-million (Canadian) financing agreement with Bank Hapoalim B.M. of Israel to support the sale of up to three Dash-7 aircraft and support services and spare parts by the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd., Downsview, to Arkia Israel Inland Airlines.**

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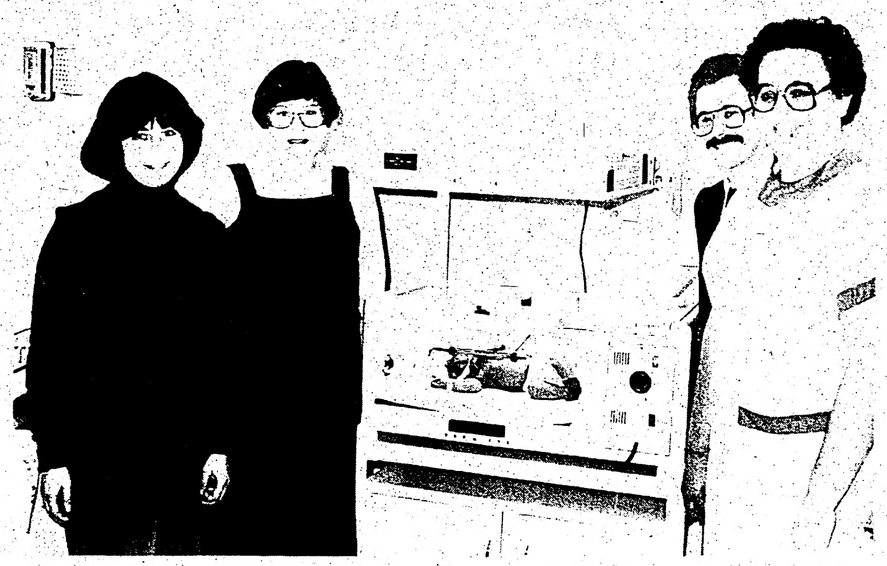

A phototherapy lamp for the treatment of jaundice in babies was donated to Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital by the Burlington Jewish community. Jaundice affects about one in 10 newborn infants, and about 25 babies a month require treatment at the hospital. Representing the 50-member Jewish community of the area are, from left to right, Sharon MacLean and Harriet Rich, chairwomen of the fund raising committee, Phillip Siegel, with head nurse Marilyn Denike.

URGENT

HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, is trying to locate Jews who lived in or around Minsk in Byelorussia (White Russia) during 1941-1944, about a matter of utmost importance. If you can help, please call or write **Joseph Edelman** of HIAS, 200 Park Ave. S., New York City 10003, phone (212) 674-6800.

AUCTION WITH FLAIR

Do you need an architect to undertake a renovation, an accountant to do a tax return, or are you anticipating the services of a mohel for a bris? All these and much more are to be offered when the Mothers' Association of Eitz Chaim Schools holds its auction of goods and services on Saturday evening, Feb. 21, at 1 Viewmount Ave. Preview is at 8 p.m. and auction at 9. Items for auction will include antiques and furniture, and there will be a number of services.

Tickets, at the door, are $3 per person. Refreshments will be served.

B'NAI B'RITH BLOOD CLINIC

B'nai B'rith Women of Toronto are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Hours are 2 p.m.-8.30 p.m. All blood types needed. Please come and give the gift of life.

HALACHA AT NER ISRAEL

Ner Israel Yeshiva College, Toronto, will begin its annual halacha series, Monday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. Noted scholar **Rabbi Moshe Heinemann** of Baltimore, will deliver the first lecture on laws pertaining to the Sabbath. Monday evening, March 2, author and lecturer, **Rabbi Shimon Eider**, will be the guest speaker. Monday evening, March 9, Rabbi Heinemann will again talk on an important topic.

All lectures, in English, will take place at the yeshiva, 625 Finch Ave. W.

CALLING ALL SNOW QUEENS

North York is searching for a snow queen to reign over its first Winter Carnival Weekend, Feb. 13, 14, 15.

In honor of the city's second anniversary, organizers have planned a weekend of indoor and outdoor activities in and around the Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St.

The carnival opens Feb. 13, at 8 p.m., with a torchlight parade, starting at the Federal building, 4900 Yonge St., and ending at the Civic Centre. Official ceremonies are scheduled for 8.30 p.m., followed by the crowning of Miss Snow Queen. Those who prefer outdoor endeavors can participate in skating, hayrides, or the ice sculpture competition.

An outdoor pancake breakfast, with free pancakes while supplies last, is planned for 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14. Events from 11 a.m. to midnight include giant bingo, a Monte Carlo casino, children's entertainment, outdoor skating, ice sculpting, a broomball tournament — firefighters versus police — and a dance with music by the Stan Hiltz orchestra.

For the final day, there will be a wrapup parade, further activities, and presentation of awards for the ice sculptures.

For more information on competitions and events, phone 224-6085 or 224-6086, or check at the public information office, Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St.

THE ARTS

EYE-ON-ART, the seventh annual exhibit of the North York Arts Council, takes place in conjunction with the second birthday celebrations of the city this year, and runs from Feb. 8-21, at the Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. Jurors will select award winners from the work of over 100 professional North York artists.

You can reserve now for Pioneer Women's first culture vulture trip, a 3-day weekend in New York commencing April 3. This escorted tour package includes air fare, hotel, theatre tickets, museum tours, Saturday breakfast and Sunday brunch. For information call 636-5425.

Three chamber music concerts will be presented by The York Winds in the library of Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, on Feb. 25, March 11, and April 1, at 8 p.m. Gifted piano soloists have been invited to perform with the quintet: **Antonin Kubalek**, Feb. 25, **Adrienne Shannon**, March 11, and **William Aide**, April 1. The romantic castle setting will be enhanced by works of **Mozart, Dvorak, Ravel**, and others.

Members of The York Winds are: **Douglas Stewart**—flute, **Lawrence Cherney**—oboe, **Paul Grice**—clarinet, **Harcus Hennigar**—horn, and **Jerry Robinson**—bassoon.

The first movement of Rick Kardone's Jazz Suite for Guitar and Harpsicord was premiered by **Robert and Sarah Feuerstein** at the Courtyard Cafe, and performed at their concert in the Art Gallery of Ontario, this past week.

RASKY AT ORT BRUNCH

Toronto Women's ORT has booked the Bayview Country Club, 25 Fairview Heights Dr. (Steeles — one block west of Leslie) for a family brunch open to members and friends, Sunday, Feb. 22, at 11.30 a.m.

Israeli singer **Ethel Boles**, accompanied by pianist **Paul Mathew**, will entertain, and author, filmmaker **Harry Rasky**, whose book, "Nobody Swings on Sunday," was recently published, is the guest speaker.

Please reserve by Feb. 15. Cost is $8.75. Phone 787-0297.

FEBRUARY ESCAPE

February Escape, sponsored jointly by York University's Jewish Student Federation and University of Toronto's Jewish Student Union, is planned for Feb. 16-19, with an option to stay longer. Accommodations are at Arrowhead Ranch, Collingwood. Participants may ski Blue Mountain, enjoy other winter activities, speakers, movies, discussions and good food. More information is available at 667-3647 or 923-9861.

SENIORS

A Continuing Education series, under the auspices of the Association of Jewish Seniors and Humber College (Third Age College) is scheduled for Wednesdays, Feb. 11-April 1, from 9.15 a.m.-12 noon, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Registration is $7 for seniors, $12, for non-seniors. Please phone 635-2860, or 675-3111, ext. 241.

The next Community Contacts for the Widowed program takes place in Rooms A & B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women age 55-70 years, widowed less than two years. Meetings are held every second Sunday. For more information call 789-5131, Local 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., the Tuesday, Feb. 17 Luncheon-of-the-Month, 12 noon, for mothers and daughters, members and friends, features **Lynn Gordon**, Ontario Status of Women Council, who will explain why "Independence is Not Liberation." Please call 789-5131, ext. 410, for further information.

The Centre for Creative Living presents Doris' Musical Show with performances this month on Friday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m., in Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave., and Thursday, Feb. 12, Sunnybrook Hospital, 2075 Bayview Ave., also at 2 p.m. These shows are free to the public and everyone is welcome.

The program, "From Opera to Musicals," continues through February in the Assembly Room of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Sunday, Feb. 8, form 3 p.m.-4 p.m., there will be a social hour and the theme is Folk Songs and Fiddle Music. The Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, concert, from 7.30-8.30 p.m., will feature the Yorkminstrels Choir with conductor **Harry McCarthy**.

A New Horizons grant of $4,000 has been awarded the creative arts department of Wagman Centre to make a quilt which will hang in the Terrace residents' dining room. The Jewish Festivals quilt was designed and will be sewn by the Nimble Fingers quilters. The 175-member Wagman Centre Senior Club of Immigrants from the Soviet Union, has received a $12,000 grant for its project, Integration into Canadian Life.

Nurses and residents on the ninth floor, Jewish Home for the Aged, had a special project in mind when they got together to bake cookies. They sold their product, and donated the money they raised to the Association for the Welfare of Jewish soldiers.

Beth Tzedec congregation's Friendship Club +50 welcomes **Gayle Christie**, mayor of York, at 1.15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, when she talks about "Something You Always Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask (the mayor)." Everyone is invited. Nominal charge for non-members of the Friendship Club +50 is 75c. Place of meeting is 1700 Bathurst St.

At Holy Blossom Temple, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1.30 p.m., the Plus 59 club will hear a piano recital by **Dorothy Glick**.

A workshop in professional theatre, under auspices of Skylight Theatre and the Centre for Creative Living, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 2.30-3.30 p.m., at 15 Hove St. This exciting program which is free of charge, will be under the leadership of **Lewis Baumander**, artistic director of the Skylight Theatre. Registration is limited and it is necessary to sign up at the Centre's information desk.

Tickets are now available at the Centre for Creative Living for the Valentine luncheon, 12 noon, Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the auditorium. An afternoon of musical entertainment by **Dinnetz** and **Kirsch**, follows lunch. Cost is $2.50.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

As increasing numbers of women enter the work force, the volume of volunteers dwindles. A desperate call had been issued for people who can help in operating the gift shop at the Jewish Home for the Aged. If you can spare a little time, please phone the Baycrest Centre Volunteer Services Department, at 789-5131, ext. 287 or 288.

ASSOCIATED HEBREW FASHION SHOW

Grade 9 students, Associated Hebrew Schools, will present their fashion show, "Israel in Style," in the auditorium, 3630 Bathurst St., Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Clothes are provided by Le Garcon, Bayview Village, and Yonus Boutique, and the students are assisted by **Tom Caplietti** and **Gail Merritt**.

The tea and fashion show is a fund raising project for the United Jewish Appeal Israel Special Fund. Tickets at $2.50 for students, and $4 for adults, are available from the Junior High office, 789-7471.

WOMEN'S WEEK AT RYERSON

Women's Week at Ryerson, 50 Gould St., Feb. 23-27, is a 5-day career forum of seminars, workshops, discussions and films formulated to enhance the skills and professionalism of today's working women. Successful career women will investigate the various facets of life for those in the business world.

A free nightly career series, panelled by prominent women from television, industry and finance, is a feature of this event.

Flexible scheduling and nominal fees are designed to make these development opportunities accessible to everyone. Please phone 595-5036.

FOR SINGLES

The Young Professionals Club (18-35) is arranging a gala social evening, Saturday, Feb. 7, 360 Ridelle Ave., suite 1805, at 8 p.m. This expanding group is still welcoming new members and invites you to attend its first gathering of 1981. Not essentially a dance or disco club, the Young Professionals place more emphasis on creating a relaxed atmosphere where singles can meet comfortably.

Admission for the evening is $2, and refreshments will be served. For additional information phone 653-1381 (any time) or 638-7701 (evenings).

The New Total Living for Singles (40 and over) is having a games and social evening, Sunday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m., in Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogue, 100 Elder St. Bring along your playing cards, Rummy-Q sets, etc. Door prizes will be presented, and a social hour with refreshments follows the games. Admission is $2. Phone 636-7047.

And a reminder about Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Adults (19-26) Sweethearts Dance, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 9 p.m., in the synagogue. Admission is $2 and there will be a cash bar. ID is required. For further information call **Steven**, 633-4155.

Beth David B'nai Israel-Beth Am Yachad Singles group (ages 30-49) will hold an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Feb. 13, at 8.15 p.m. Speaker **Joan Latchford**, bail supervisor, will give an overview of pre-trial services offered by the Metro bail program. The synagogue is at 55 Yeomans Rd.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Jim and Rosalie, recent nominees for a Juno award based on their album "Listen to Me," will appear in a children's concert, Sunday, Feb. 15, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Shows are at 1 p.m. and again at 3.30 p.m. Admission is $2.50, and proceeds go to the projects of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section. Sponsor is "Council 64." For tickets, phone 494-9360 or 493-1582.

IN THE SYNAGOGUES

Beth Sholom's Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club has slated its next meeting for Sunday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m., in the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Irvine I. Glass**, professor at the Institute for Aerospace Studies, University of Toronto, who will discuss "China and Its Vanished Jews."

Beth El synagogue, Oakville, announces a sleigh ride for 8-11-year-olds, on Sunday, Feb. 15. Everyone meets at the synagogue at 12.30 p.m. and returns by 2.30 p.m.

All congregants are welcome at Holy Blossom Temple when **Rabbi Harvey J. Fields** continues with his study-in-depth winter series for the Sisterhood. On Monday, Feb. 9, at 9.45 a.m., in the board room, he will turn attention to "Israel's Security in the 1980s."

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

A general meeting of the Alzheimer Society (a voluntary organization which deals with degenerative brain disease) is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7.30 p.m., at the Wexford, 1860 Lawrence Ave. E. Lawyer Ron Folkes, will clarify the "Legal Implications when Brain Disease Strikes." There are many issues which families of patients must consider, and the speaker will attempt to outline them. All interested are welcome to attend.

"CHILD" OFFERS SERVICES

Merle Langford Levine, director of CHILD, the Centre for Holistic Investigation of Learning Disorders, announces three services which her organization is able to offer the community.

The first is a home-based reward program, for parents who have elementary school age children with school-related behavior problems.

The second is the stimulant medication trial study, for individuals who have been labled hyperactive an/or distractable learners.

The third is an 8-week workshop for parents entitled, Group Assistance to Parents of Children with Behavior Problems.

"Prior to this time," says Mrs. Levine, "these services have only been available in one or two hospitals in Canada and the United States. I have been able to gather together a group of associates who are prepared to carry out their services in association with CHILD, while still carrying out their regular duties within the various institutions and clinics in Metropolitan Toronto."

For more information please phone 968-7501.

Y PROGRAM

The Y Learning Resources Centre has instituted a new "super learning" program which affords an opportunity to "double your mind power to concentrate, relax and achieve health and personal success." Conducted by **Dr. Burt Harding**, the program begins Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7.30 p.m. For more information call **Barbara White**, 787-1816.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN

North York General Hospital in conjunction with several public schools in the Leslie St.-Sheppard Ave. area, is offering a school assistance program for primary age schoolchildren. Volunteers are required to work on a one-to-one basis with youngsters experiencing mild to moderate social and/or emotional difficulties. Once a week during school hours, volunteer and child will choose activities through which a trusting relationship can develop.

If interested, please call the Volunteer Centre, North York, at 481-6194.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come to an Effective Time Management Workshop and learn how to work smarter, not harder, Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the JCC Valley Tennis and Swim centre, 7015 Leslie St. Workshop leader will be **Ron Henry**, management training and development consultant. Fee is $15 for JCC members, $20, others. Additional information available at 636-1880, ext. 43 and 33.

A 6-session course concerning investment opportunities in the stock market, fundamentals of purchasing stocks and bonds, and more, at the Centre for Human Affairs, starts Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7.30 p.m. Instructor is **Brian Vyner**, stockbroker. Fee is $30 for JCC members; $40, others. Please call 636-1880, ext. 43 or 33 for more information.

And on Monday, Feb. 9, at 1.30 p.m., as part of its Topics Unlimited, the Koffler Centre of the Arts Centre for Human Affairs, presents Real Estate Transactions, with lawyer **Charles Wrock**. No charge for this program.

Jews and Italians join ranks to help earthquake victims

By JOAN ALEXANDER

TORONTO — A sense of universal brotherhood led Toronto's Italian and Jewish communities to join ranks in an effort to help victims of the recent earthquakes in Italy.

This sentiment was expressed at a recent fund raising dinner, sponsored by the Holocaust Survivors of Toronto in conjunction with the National Congress of Italian Canadians, Toronto district, held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Among the speakers at the dinner were Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth; Dr. Piero Luigi Conti, the Italian consul-general; Elio Rosotti, a representative of the Canadian Italian Congress, and Rabbi Moses J. Burak of Beth Jacob Synagogue.

"We live in a global village," said Rabbi Kelman. "The pain of one nation is the sorrow of another."

Dr. Conti, who arrived in Toronto four days after the earthquake, believes that people in Canada live "in mutual consideration." He felt the dinner was "proof of solidarity.

"My first impression of Canada," said the Italian diplomat, "was that everyone felt the anguish of the Italian people. It was a real issue."

Rosotti hopes the funds will be used to build permanent shelters for the victims. He reported that a fact-finding committee, headed by Senator Jean Marchand, was sent to Italy, and will soon submit its report to the National Congress of Italian Canadians, which has raised $4 million for the cause.

"The idea is to help people," stressed Rosotti, "and to hope that this situation never happens again."

Rabbi Burak suggested that such an event "shows the Jewish community and the Jewish heart at their best." He praised the "special type of person" who reaches out to others hit by misfortune.

"You have shown the highest expression of religion," Rabbi Burak said. "You have reached out in love and in understanding."

All the speakers thanked the organizers of the dinner, attended by more than 245 persons, who hope to raise between $15,000 and $82,000 for the vicitims. Rabbi Kelman called the dinner "a unique and memorable occasion."

Seniors specials

TORONTO — Top Drug Mart executive vice-president Fred Stoll has announced that the Top Drug Mart pharmacies will be holding special "We Love You Seniors" days on Wednesday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 12.

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About People

Deborah Kott of North York, is seen on campus at Bar-Ilan University, where she is studying music therapy. Deborah, a member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, is the daughter of Bernard and Irene Kott.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL CHOSEN

David Altman, deputy director-general for special tasks of Bar-Ilan University, has been chosen director-general of the university commencing April 1. He will succeed **Shabtai Mayevsky** who is retiring. Mayevsky was acting director-general during the past year and was previously deputy director-general for finance.

Altman, a third-generation Israeli born in Jerusalem, is a graduate of Bar-Ilan in Political Studies and Philosophy. He headed the Bar-Ilan student representative council and was chairman of the Israel student union. He is currently chairman of the board, Israel Student Tourist Association.

BOND HEAD TO VISIT

Esther Sarick, recently appointed chairman of the 30th anniversary Israel Bond mission, will visit major Canadian cities to invite participation in the International Leadership Conference, Aug. 10-17, in Israel. Sarick, actively involved with the Israel Bond executive for several years, was associate chairman for the Women's Division, served as Israel Bond chairman for Pioneer Women, and was honored by them in 1978.

Esther Sarick

Discussing Project Renewal "twinning" of Toronto's Jewish community with the Israeli village of Beit Dagan, are [left to right] Dr. Charles Gold and Irving Granovsky; Shmuel Denker, village Project Renewal manager; Jack Chisvin; and Beit Dagan Mayor, Ezra Hevroni. Gold, Granovsky, and Chisvin, with Steven Ain [not shown], represented Metropolitan Toronto UJA in Israel. Project Renewal undertakes restoration of underprivileged areas of Israel.

BB WOMEN—EASTERN CANADA

B'nai B'rith Women Eastern Canada met recently in Kingston to begin integrating the B'nai B'rith Women of Winnipeg into the coming composite organization, Canadian B'nai B'rith Women. Pictured, left to right, are [seated] Sharron Tenhouse, Sunny Rubin, Gerrie Horowitz, Sandra Katz, Selma Sage, Adele Liederman, and Gloria Clamen; [standing] Rodell Berg, Myra Gerchicoff, Rose Lichtman, Sandy Sitcoff, Marilyn Wainberg, Mollye Misker, Rita Vosberg, Bea Wolfe, Lucille Bensky, Anne Strom and Lucy Alt.

Changes sought for Loans Act

OTTAWA —

A bill to update the Canada Student Loans Act was tabled recently in Parliament by Secretary of State Francis Fox.

The amendments will take into account changes in educational patterns, including increasing enrolments in technical, community and vocational institutions which provide shorter and more intensive training than traditional university courses. In addition, some technical and administrative changes are included.

The act, which came into effect in 1964, provides for financial assistance in the form of guaranteed loans and subsidized interest on those loans, to full-time post-secondary students who otherwise might not be able to continue their education.

One major change in the bill includes shortening the length of a course required to qualify as eligible for a loan from 26 to 12 weeks.

Another change will be to set the loans limit as a weekly limit of $56.25 instead of annually at $1,800. The overall maximum a student may borrow in a lifetime remains at $9,800.

Fox said that the changes were discussed with representatives of the National Union of Students.

He expalined that changes have been kept to immediate concerns and "will not prejudice any action which might flow from the work of the federal-provincial task force on student assistance."

The task force was established to examine both federal and provincial student assistance programs.

For more information and details on the terms of receiving a loan call Claude Passey at [819] 994-1844.

Urges us to pull together

By HOWARD ENGLISH

TORONTO —

Community leader Kurt Rothschild urged those attending the recent installation dinner for the new rabbi of Shaarei Zion Synagogue "to pull together to combat the collapse of Jewish communities."

It was with Rothschild's financial assistance that Shaarei Zion was able to hire Rabbi Moshe Bomzer.

Rothschild said the fragile existence facing many pockets of Jewry demands Orthodox activism because the Orthodox are "the pivots, the very basic cornerstone on which our entire people, whether they recognize it or not . . . will succeed or fail." He described the tolerence that many non-religious Jews seek from the Orthodox as a tolerance based on neutrality.

"It is an open door leading to assimilation to intermarriage and ultimate oblivion," he declared.

And he challenged his audience to be proud Orthodox Jews "of learning, of conviction, of uninhibited assertiveness."

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, said he has seen a sense of "spiritual desolation" in many synagogues serving smaller Ontario cities and towns.

"They are unused, unvisited, and for all intents and purposes, a one time of year relic dusted off for three days of use," he observed. But he added that the coming of age of a shul like Shaare Zion shows that "there is a future for our people."

Outlying cities holding meeting

TORONTO —

Adults will have a chance to share information about living in an outlying Jewish community at a one-day conference on Sunday, March 22 at Beth Zion Synagogue in Oshawa.

Marcy Gilbert, director of community services and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, said the conference is mainly for the smaller outlying communities such as Barrie, Thunder Bay and St. Catharines. But members from larger communities such as Ottawa, Hamilton and Windsor are also invited.

In the morning, there will be a panel discussion on the topic, "How to survive in a small Jewish outlying community." During the kosher lunch there will be a guest speaker and in the afternoon there will be another panel discussing successful activities in communities.

During the day, information about grants will be disseminated.

There will also be activities for children who have joined their parents.

Gilbert said she has been working with the Oshawa community, specifically Rabbi Akiva Mann, in planning this event. Other participants include Paul Caplan, chairman, and members of the CJC small community committee.

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Organizations and People

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Terumah/Rosh Chodesh Adar I

It's not enough that a Jew gives tzedakah. He has to do it with simcha, with humility, with wanting to share the mitzvah.

When the saintly Chafetz Chaim founded his yeshiva, a certain wealthy man approached him. "Rabbi," he announced, "I can well afford, and I want to pay for the whole structure completely."

The Chafetz Chaim refused, saying: "Your offer is appreciated, and G-d will reward you, but a place of Torah must be built by the joint efforts of all. We find that when G-d wanted to build the sanctuary in the desert, He commanded: 'From every man whose heart moves him to give, shalt thou take My offering. . . .' The Almighty had the means of furnishing the mishkan, but he wanted each Jew to participate. . . ." (Iturary Torah)

When it came to making the sanctuary, G-d always commanded: "**V'aseeta** — you shall do. . . ." But when it came to building the Aron Kodesh, it says: "**V'asu** — they shall build." What's the difference? But Torah does not belong to one clan, one family, or one clique. Torah belongs to the whole of the Jewish people. Everyone should have a part.

It's not only how much you give but how you give. If you give charity gruffly, with a sour face, it's like serving ice-cream with salt sprinkled on it. A little from a poor man with a full heart is holier than a lot from a rich man who gives grudgingly.

Even if you can't give, the **wanting** to give is also a mitzvah. Consider . . . the verse says, take "from any man . . . that which his heart moves him to give. . . ."

Sometimes there's a person who wants to give but, nebich can't. The nedivus lev, the wanting, the charity, is in the heart, but the pocket is empty. . . . That desire itself G-d accepts as charity!

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It's incredible what holiness can be reached by giving tzedakah. When a Jew gives charity, he inscribes G-d's ineffable name.

How? The Shaloh Hakodesh writes: "When a Jew gives tzedakah even before he is asked by the poor man, he writes G-d's name. The coin represents the letter Yud. The hand of the giver is made up of five fingers, making the letter Hay, which equals five. The arm of the poor man stretched out to receive forms the letter Vuv, and his five fingers grasping the coin forms another Hay, creating the ineffable name — but only when the Jew gives first, without waiting to be asked!"

Not like the miser who saw a poor man knocking on his door. He immediatley ran out of the house, leaving word with his family to say he's not there. The poor man, who had noticed him leave, said ruefully: "Now I see why welcoming strangers is even holier than welcoming the Shechina. When you see the Shechina, you're supposed to hide your eyes. This man sees a guest, and he hides his whole body."

We must give, even when it hurts. What else is worth anything in this world but to help others?

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They once asked Reb Mordechai of Techernoble why he accepts "pidyonot," donations of money, from sinners. He answered: "At first, I only used to accept money from pious Jews — but then, all the poor people who received the benefit from those donations were also G-d fearing. But today, when so many of the poor recepients also are sinners, I figured I can accept from sinners as well."

We can leave the judging of people to the Ribono shel Olam. We have to help everywhere we can. Shabbat Shalom, a gezunter Chodesh.

NCJW gets government grant to cover costs for more staff

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The federal department of employment and immigration recently awarded the Toronto section of National Council of Jewish Women a grant to hire more staff for its service bureau.

The grant will run at least three years. The initial payment for this year is $69,888, and will be spread over the year to cover costs for at least three new staff persons, announced Betty Stone, executive director of Toronto NCJW.

"We were absolutely elated," said Mrs. Stone. "The grant gives us room to breathe. We will be able to expand our services. In particular, we will now be able to afford a paid assistant for our hearing impaired project."

Mrs. Stone described the grant as a Canada employment development grant designed to reach out to the unemployed — the disabled in particular. While Canada Manpower will be the chief source of employees, interested applicants can also approach Toronto section NCJW directly, said Mrs. Stone.

Jim Peterson, Liberal MP for the Willowdale riding in which Toronto section NCJW is a constituent, recently handed over an initial check to Council. He praised Council as a "deserving organization which has made significant contributions in the community."

Government is taking "a very close look" at the role of voluntarism in terms of community services. Peterson said in a telephone interview with The CJN from his Ottawa office: "Organizations like NCJW have proven themselves. They identify and spot the needs in the community before anyone else, and then develop the programs to meet those needs."

Peterson said it was the success of self-help organizations such as NCJW which were now encouraging the federal government to be more supportive. "We want them to do more, and government less," he said.

"We are moving into a vastly changing community in the future," Peterson noted. "One out of every seven workers today is retired. Thirty to 40 years down the road, half the working force will be retired."

He said the leisure time society would be a natural source of volunteers in the future. In addition, old stereotypes of "lady bountiful" will disappear. Men, too, will play an increasingly larger role in the volunteer force.

Peterson also observed that volunteer organizations operated with greater speed and efficiency in providing broader programs of social service. He emphasized government's role vis-a-vis volunteer organizations as an important source of funds, expertise and liaison with agencies and individuals inside and outside of government.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

From left: Leslie Miller, Jim Peterson and Patti Star.

Harry Tomarin [centre] presents a check to James Kay as James Senor [left], Murray Koffler, Leo Perkell, Rhona Alexandroff and Tom Beck look on.

Tomarins honored at Weizmann

TORONTO —

Harry Tomarin and his sister Rhona Alexandroff from St. Catharines, are honoring their late parents with the establishment of the Samuel and Millie Tomarin Chair in Internal Medicine and Heart Disease, at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

Tomarin is co-chairman with Hart Wintrob of the Niagara Peninsula chapter of the Canadian Society and a member of the national board of directors.

The Jewish communities in the Niagara region, including St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Port Colborne and Fort Erie, "are playing a leading role among the smaller communities in supporting the scientific research programs undertaken at the Weizmann Institute," Weizmann officials report.

Tomarin, Wintrob and Weizmann regional director Bill Stern are now targeting their efforts to the establishment of a Career Development Chair in Cancer Research.

Shaare Zedek doctor discovers new hemoglobin

JERUSALEM —

A new hemoglobin, already dubbed by the international medical world as "Shaare Zedek Hemoglobin," has been discovered in the blood of a child of Persian-Kurdi origin by Dr. Ayala Abramov, a pediatrician at the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

Hemoglobin is the agent in red blood corpuscles which carries oxygen. Dr. Abramov made the discovery while examining the three-year-old child for anemia, a common affliction in the Kurdish community.

After Dr. Abramov discovered the hemoglobin, which was unknown in medical literature, she examined other members of the child's family. While none had anemia or any other unusual manifestation, the child's grandmother, father and several uncles were all found to have the same type of hemoglobin.

As a result of her research report, Dr. Abramov has received requests from physicians and researchers all over the world for additional information.

The child's mother recently gave birth at Shaare Zedek after having suffered numerous miscarriages. The new baby also has the new hemoglobin.

JCRC meeting

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

Jews in Canada are no longer a visible minority group because we are greatly outnumbered by other minority groups, paraicularly by some of the growing immigrant communities. At the same time, Jews are now being regarded as "part of the establishment" of Canada because of the many high positions some have attained.

This was the central point in the comments made here recently by Ben Kayfetz, national executive director of the Joint Community Relations Committee.

Reporting to a meeting of the local JCRC of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, Kayfetz said there is a need to "forge alliances" with other minority groups. He explained some of the problems involved in developing such alliances and pointed out areas in which JCRC does co-operate with other groups — such as the National Black Coalition.

Kayfetz said that the public relations position of the Canadian Jewish community "is beginning to recover" from the "debacle" of the Jerusalem issue, which came to the fore under the former Conservative government of Joe Clark.

Kayfetz also referred to the growth on this continent of the fundamentalist and evangelical religious groups which helped bring Ronald Reagan to power in the U.S. "Many of these groups are strongly pro-Israel for their own reasons," he said, "but we find ourselves opposed to them on virtually every other issue." He declared that the fundamentalist Christians, even when they support Israel, still have on their "hidden agenda" the conversion of Jews.

Another problem noted by Kayfetz was that of "the school of pseudo-historians" who are putting forward "revisionist" theories questioning and denying the effects of the Holocaust on the Jews.

Kayfetz also discussed the problem of the Ku Klux Klan, increasing anti-semitic propaganda from the Soviet Union and growing concerns about anti-semitism in this part of the world.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 10: 1:15 P.M., BETH TZEDEC FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50 presents: GAYLE CHRISTIE, Mayor of York, who will speak on "SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK (THE MAYOR)". Members free, non-members 75¢. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24: 9:30 A.M., BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD presents: BOOK OF THE BRUNCH. Helen Epstein's book "CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST" will be reviewed by HELEN REDNER. Seniors $1.50, Sisterhood members $2, non-members $2.50. Everyone welcome.

SPECIAL GUEST LECTURERS AND WEEKEND PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, FEB. 8: 10 A.M., DR. HAROLD FISCH of the Department of English, Bar Ilan University, Israel, will lecture on the theme "THE ZIONIST REVOLUTION". This lecture is co-sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club.

8 P.M., DR. HAROLD FISCH will speak on the theme "THE DILEMMA OF LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL – THE BROKEN TABLETS".

SATURDAY, FEB. 21 and SUNDAY, FEB. 22: A SERIES OF LECTURES WITH RABBI GERSHON WINER, author, linguist and Hebraic scholar. Formerly City Manager of Dimona, Israel. Rabbi Winer is a member of the Hebrew Language Academy. Currently he is an adjunct professor with Brandeis University's Israel study program.

FEBRUARY 21: MORNING SERVICE: Rabbi Winer will speak from the Pulpit.

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4 P.M., A Shiur with Rabbi Winer using the weekly parsha for his lecture on "THE GOLDEN CALF".

8 P.M., Rabbi Winer will speak *in Yiddish* on the theme "SHOLOM ASCH – the Controversial Yiddish Novelist."

FEBRUARY 22: 10 A.M., Rabbi Winer will speak on "ZIONIST CONFRONTATIONS – FROM HERZL TO JABOTINSKY". This program is co-sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club.

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Organizations and People

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Discussing new centre, are, from left: Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum, Al Latner, Jack Schwartz and Charles Diamond.

Rabbi announces plans of new Lubavitch centre

TORONTO —

A 24,000 sq. ft. Lubavitch community centre on a 3-acre site is planned for the Town of Vaughan, in the heart of a new development which will likely be predominantly Jewish.

Appropriately enough, the centre will be built on a street called Chabad Gate, which is just east of Bathurst, north of Steeles. The land was contributed to the Lubavitch Youth Organization by Joe and Faye Tanenbaum and Herb Green.

Rabbi Z. Aaron Grossbaum, executive vice-president of the LYO, said the present Lubavitch centre on Bathurst is too small for the wide range of activities carried on regularly. Lubavitch programs, he said, are attracting ever-increasing participation from the Jewish community and "we need the larger centre to enable us to continue to serve the Jews of Metropolitan Toronto and the surrounding areas."

The rabbi noted that the community is moving north of Metro's boundaries "and we must move with it." He said the homes currently being built in the Vaughan location "are bought primarily by young and loosely affiliated Jewish families. Our centre will be designed specifically to enable us to cater to the growing needs of these young people."

Rabbi Grossbaum said the Lubavitch movement "answers the needs of our people in 27 countries, on all continents. Our rabbis and volunteer workers are pioneers in the most literal sense, treading a path and showing the way to bring the light of Torah and Jewish tradition to all corners and nooks — regardless how far removed or cumbersome."

The underlying principle of Ahavat Yisroel (love for a fellow Jew), the rabbi continued, "allows the perimeter of services to include each and every need, be it material or spiritual."

Lubavitch, he said, is waging a strong fight against assimilation. To this end, LYO works on campuses, high schools, camps and other centres where there are Jews. The mitzvahmobiles, outfitted with library, pamphlets on Jewish life and requirements for the observance of basic mitzvot "bring living Judaism to areas which are remote in both a physical and spiritual sense."

The rabbi declared that LYO "has become the catalyst to relink Jews with our Jewish roots and revive the sparks of Jewish consciousness in the hearts and minds of our people."

Rabbi Grossbaum said construction on the new Vaughan centre is expected to begin this summer and completion is scheduled for Passover of 1982.

He said the centre will be "a place where Jews in all age groups can relax in a proper surrounding, study our rich heritage, ask questions and receive answers."

The building will include a sanctuary, auditorium, a women's and men's mikvah, swimming pool, sports complex, audio-visual centre, library, a succot pavilion, meat and dairy kitchens, a nursery (for day care) and at least five dormitory rooms, day camp facilities.

Rabbi Grossbaum paid tribute to the many volunteers — leading members of the community — who are involved in the planning of the centre. He mentioned particularly: Albert J. Latner, building chairman, with Charles S. Diamond and Jack Schwartz as co-ordinators; and the architects — E. I. Richmond & Co., Alex Tobias and Associates and the E.C.E. Group.

GOI lodge to celebrate its diamond jubilee

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

The Grand Order of Israel, one of the oldest Jewish organizations in Hamilton, will celebrate its diamond jubilee with a gala banquet and dance on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Adas Israel Synagogue.

The banquet also marks the organization's 75th consecutive annual dinner, which must be something of a record in the history of this community.

In addition to the usual awards presentation, "some surprises" are planned but beyond that recently installed noble master Stephen Cowitz won't divulge any details of this extra special occasion.

The first Canadian lodge of the GOI was formed in Hamilton in 1906 by Isaac Lewis and Hyman Cohen, both past masters in their native England, where the organization originated and is still very strong and influential.

A benefit society, the Hamilton GOI received its charter from the provincial government in 1908 and is licensed under the insurance act. Subsequently formed Canadian chapters, notably the one in Toronto, eventually broke away and today the Hamilton chapter is completely independent, although it still retains its original English rituals and rules.

"It is a very warm lodge where everybody is equal and everybody gets along," says Ab Leon, who recently stepped down as noble master. Recruited about 15 years ago when he was in his early 20s, Leon was one of the youngest noble masters and for him a particular attraction is the organization's appeal "to everyone from 20 to 80."

Cowitz, 38, who has been a GOI member for 12 years, agrees and he cites the fact that between 75 and 100 members of all ages, out of a total membership of about 250, turn up for every meeting.

"It is a very unusual organization and still very close-knit," he says. Nevertheless, it is time to "update the organization and bring it into the 80s. People's needs are changing," he explains, and where, for instance, the GOI used to provide "a lot of social activities, we can't do that any more today."

Primarily a sick benefit and burial society, the GOI has also been associated with various fund raising campaigns from parcels for soldiers during World War II and the Winnipeg Flood Relief Fund to various local charities and running Red Cross blood donor clinics.

"From time to time we also run a 'little campaign' for Israel," adds oldtimer Lou Uger, a member for about 30 years and a one time grand noble master "when we were still associated with Toronto.

"We regularly purchase Bonds and proceeds from stags go directly to the United Jewish Welfare Fund," he notes, "and we also provide a fund for our own members to rehabilitate anyone seriously injured in an accident."

The society maintains two cemeteries and one of its regular events is the annual memorial service for the Six Million held the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah in front of the monument on cemetery No. 2 and attended by community leaders as well as city officials.

Dr. Harry Krakowsky demonstrates how it's done at a joint Young Executives and Young Adults telethon. Looking on are Debra Anthony, Monica Sherman, Larry Schwartz, Azril Rom and Golda Brown.

Good response to UJA month

TORONTO —

Penny Offman, chairman of the Agency Boards Division of the 1981 United Jewish Appeal campaign, has announced that the approximately 30 organizations, schools and hospitals affiliated with Toronto Jewish Congress are being asked to participate in Agency UJA Month, Feb. 15-March 15.

"I am very pleased by the excellent initial response," he said. "The sense of co-operation and good feeling shown at our planning meeting and the recognition of the primacy of UJA were most encouraging."

At the recent meeting, it was decided that the first step will be an immediate canvass of those agency board members who have not yet made their campaign commitments. Their gifts are expected to be "responsible, reflecting the urgency and importance of the campaign," according to campaign leaders.

Each agency will then select one or more dates on which to participate in a month-long series of telethons. Emanating from the 150 Beverley St. UJA headquarters, the telephone blitz is being designed to reach the more than 6,000 new Torontonians who have not contributed to the local campaign. For the most part, they are arrivals from Montreal, South Africa and the Soviet Union who have not yet been fully integrated into the activities of the Toronto Jewish community.

"We anticipate that considerable extra funds will be generated by the tangible participation of these newcomers," David Marks, UJA campaign director added. "We hope, as well, to be able to involve these people actively in future campaigns."

The agency representatives also agreed that their board members would participate in Super Sunday, April 12, an event currently on the drawing boards as the jamboree-like conclusion of the 1981 campaign.

Hamilton UJA could raise $1.5 million, chairman says

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

The target is $1 million, but "Hamilton is capable of a $1.5 million campaign," says 1981 UJA campaign chairman Bernie Katz. "It's just a matter of knowing how to get it!"

Hamilton born and bred and, at 47, a successful businessman — he is co-owner, with his brother "Cuppy," of Dominion Auto Supply and Wrecking — he knows this community inside out.

And as past president of the Hamilton Jewish National Fund, a former co-chairman of Hamilton State of Israel Bonds and "involved in UJA on and off for 15 years," there's also little he doesn't know about raising funds in Hamilton.

As one who has worked on all major campaigns for many years, he knows from personal experience "that there are some people who should be in the top gifts category, but whose contributions are actually in the lowest category."

But what really irks him is to see synagogue board members "who are not even contributors in good standing . . . ask for funding for education (on behalf of their synagogues) from Federation. It's not right for people to ask us for money when they are not giving anything themselves," he said.

Although last year's campaign fell short by 4%, Katz allows "we did a fair job" in view of the state of the economy and, "the people who ran the campaign deserve a medal." But considering the money available here, "we just touched the surface."

Bernie Katz

On the plus side, he notes that Hamilton had "very good results" with Project Renewal.

The biggest problem is lack of manpower. Katz suggests enlisting some of the older men. "Men who are now retired, or semi-retired, who have worked and made their money and whose kids are grown up — they are the ones who have the time to canvass and run the campaign."

Manpower has always been a problem, "but it's much better than it used to be years ago when, because of lack of canvassers, we had to let the smaller cards go uncanvassed because we had to concentrate on the large amounts."

Katz admires the way the women are organized and, with a smile, suggests "I would like to see the women canvass the men!"

Women are more committed to fund raising than men, he observes, and they are also more willing to be organized and educated. "It's all a matter of getting canvassers turned on so that when they go out to canvess, they try a little harder."

Together with his vice-chairman, Dr. Irwin Fuss, and one of his category chairmen, Leo Strub, Katz will join the Ontario Region Mission to Israel. It will be his third visit.

Just before the trip, he'll take time off from the campaign to go on a skiing holiday out West. An enthusiastic skier, he took up the sport "in self defence" seven or eight years ago when it became a question "of either sitting alone at home or going along" with his wife Rhoda, a gifted painter, and their three sons, ages 19, 17 and 15.

Another hobby is "playing around with antique cars," of which he owns several, among them a 37 Packard and a not quite antique 65 Mustang. He has won a number of prizes at various meets and hopes to win again at a meet in Niagara Falls later this year.

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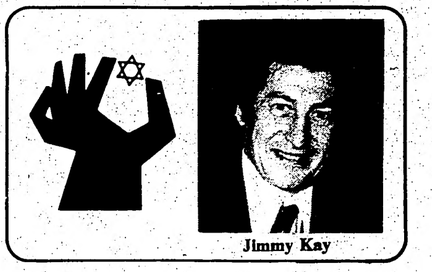

Jimmy Kay

The date for this year's Walkathon has been set for Sunday, May 3 — approximately a month earlier than the previous eleven. That's right folks, the 1981 Walkathon makes it an even dozen! This year we are attempting to get direct input from those who make up the majority of the participants — the school children. We want to find out from them what they would like to see in the way of changes in the format, route, whatever. So kids, you will be contacted directly through your school: let us know how we can make the walk more exciting, and — most important — how we can raise more money for the boys and girls in Israel.

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As promised at the outset of the campaign, **Harold Malitzky**, who took over the reins of the Education Profession Division along with **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, has re-organized the division in a thorough fashion. He's arranged for all principals in the Jewish school system — and that includes day schools, congregational schools, Talmud Torahs, you name it — to canvass their own teachers and other staff members. To date, 50 schools are involved and 400 new names have been added to the UJA roster.

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From what I've heard, it was a wall-to-wall gathering of dentists at the annual Alpha Omega fraternity dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The evening was chaired by **Dr. Irwin Rose**, Fraternity President, with UJA Dental Chairman **Dr. Alan Gans** handling the introduction of guest speaker **Eugene Rothman**, Associate Professor of Religion at Carleton University, Ottawa. Prof. Rothman, a specialist in Middle East affairs, is Academic Director of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges. Drawing on his own experiences in Israel, his topic was The Price of Peace.

In addition to Dr. Gans, UJA was well represented during the evening by our Health Professions Chairman, **Dr. Elie Wolfson** as well as many canvassers, who, I'm told, turned in a number of completed cards.

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Marvin Miller, Insurance Group Chairman, credits **Max Handelman's** appreciation dinner for division chairmen, with giving him renewed zest and spirit in his card coverage. He's been going Gung Ho! ever since. Thanks, Max — and thank you, Marvin!

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At a meeting of the Agency and School Boards Division chaired by **Penny Offman**, it was decided that in addition to ensuring that all board members are in good standing with UJA, that each board would undertake participation in a Community Outreach Telethon on a date of their choice between February 15 and March 15.

The first response came from Jewish Student Federation Board Representative, **Irwin Kozlebrocki**, who booked February 25.

Board members will also be asked to participate in Super Sunday, April 12, when a community-wide telethon will take place.

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My thanks to **Chuck Gold** for pinch-hitting for me at a noon-hour meeting of canvassers in the Lawyers Division, held at the offices of Goodman & Carr. Twenty canvassers came out and 150 cards were distributed. Also 50 completed cards were handed in and those included 18 new gifts.

Chairman, **David Nathanson** threw out a challenge to those present. "One thing I can promise you when this campaign is over and that is that this division will no longer be the object of vituperation and obloquy."

When asked for an English translation, David replied: "That means they can't dump on us." To be honest, that's not quite a literal translation, but this is a family newspaper and it's as close as we can get.

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Congratulations to **Elaine Gortler** and **Lee Rosenbloom** of York University for completing their "Circle of Chai," a special adjunct to the student campaign, in which each student involved canvasses 18 cards.

The campaign is getting into full swing for students at the U of T School of Dentistry and School of Medicine.

Those involved in Dentistry are **Ian Zagdanski**, 1st year; **Eli Magder** and **Rhonda Hoffman**, 2nd year; **David Burstein**, **Menachem Wolff** and **Mark Gwartz**, 3rd year; and **Les Train**, 4th year.

Canvassers at work in the medical school are **Nathan Hermann** and **Jeff Lipsitz**, 2nd year; and 3rd year students, **Mark Korson**, **Sheldon Shaul** and **Jackie Kohl**.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK

Our candidate for the title this week is Travel Co-chairman **Emile Aufgang**. Emile took a day off his business activities and spent it on the phone at UJA headquarters. The result — $10,000 in pledges from his colleagues in the profession.

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Fashionable ideas for Valentine's Day

By JUDITH KNELMAN

Small gifts of lingerie or accessories are always appropriate Valentine's Day gifts. If they're red and white, the colors of love, or carry the heart shape, so much the better.

This spring's lingerie collections have several items that lend themselves to Valentine giving. Any of the new rompers would be welcomed by a Valentine who likes to sleep in style, but a particularly appropriate gift is one from Lutfy of Montreal in red polyester and cotton with white socks. It's decorated with a lace-and-ribbon-trimmed heart.

A teddy or a petti-pant would make an equally trendy gift. The teddy combines camisole and panty, while the petti-pant is worn instead of a slip under the new pant looks. Style Magazine has singled out Kayser-Roth's petti-pant, which retails at about $11, as one of the big fashion answers of the season.

You can find elegant pantyhose studded with a rhinestone heart at the ankle. These are by Avalon and sell for about $7.50. They come in sheer nylon in black and several colors, but the one for Valentine's Day would be the pink tone.

Lace and flowers are the perfect Valentine trim. They're also, says Style, good and strong spring fashion. An example is a group of lace and pleated ruffle neck scarves and flowers on pleated lace by Ruth Fox, of Pleasant Pheasant, in Toronto.

Any attractive scarf makes a good Valentine gift. These come in all price ranges, depending on the signature. Silks are a fashion investment, while chiffons can be high fashion accents that reflect current trends. Spring prints in romantic florals or dark jungle foliage are good 1981 accessories.

As a matter of fact, any accessory that relates to the tropics will be useful this spring.

Another popular fashion inspiration is the army, so look for wartime accessories in khaki and camouflage prints.

Jewelry is the ultimate accessory, and this year it need not be expensive to be attractive. At the same time as gold and silver prices are skyrocketing, junk jewelry is becoming highly respectable. It's not an imitation but a form in itself.

Style likes nylon plastic jewelry from Denmark, including the "Heart Break" pin, swirled with Art Deco flair and priced at about $7. Art Nouveau-inspired jewelry done in a sort of frosted glass is being shown this spring by Coro. The perfect Valentine gift could be as simple as a delicate $5 strand of pastel heart-shaped beads.

Wild animals, safari styles and sand colors will dominate warm weather fashions

Wild animals, safari styles and the colors of sand and foliage are news in sportswear for spring and summer 1981.

Style Magazine says "jungle fever" is rampant in European and North American collections in all price ranges and in a variety of fabrics including leather and silk.

Safari shirts and jackets are worn over shorts of varying styles and lengths. There are culottes, cuffed shorts that stop several inches above the knee and jaunty jodhpurs and knickers that just cover the knee. There are safari suits and even safari dresses — belted, buttoned and baggy-pocketed.

The colors of safari fashion are light, muddy and dull. Khali is a favorite, along with desert sand, olive and leaf green.

The safari suits, dresses and separates are often done in tropical prints with all-over patterns of jungle foliage and flowers. A culotte print dress by French Fact of Montreal, for example, displays fierce-looking tigers amid leaves of different shapes and sizes.

Wild beasts are everywhere in spring fashion. On a cotton knit tunic from Diffusion D.B.I.L. Importations of Montreal, the disembodied head of a tiger floats menacingly. A neatly tailored polyester blouse from Superfine Imports of Toronto shows leopards cavorting under palm fronds. In the European collections, lions, tigers, leopards, zebras and elephants are favorite knit motifs, says Style.

Accessories like Krizia's elephant head belt buckle emphasize the wildness. Sunglasses, hunters' hats and slicked-back hair are other touches that add to the jungle atmosphere.

The stark, drab, masculine look is not for every female, but there are many modifications that retain the jungle influence while allowing fluidity and grace. A soft safari look is produced, for example, in conventionally styled dresses in dramatically dark jungle prints.

Leo Chevalier Attitudes of Montreal has a softly draped, round-necked, button-front, bow-belted dress that comes in black with large, strategically placed leaves. Lori-Ann of Montreal mates a dress printed with thick foliage and wild beasts with a simple loose jacket in solid black or tan.

In brief: look for camouflage colors, pockets, belts and jungle prints to add interest to spring and summer sportswear. You can combine these elements subtly or emphasize them dramatically, depending on the fashion image you want to project.

Team of designers has put together efficient kitchen for busy family

A place for everything and everything in its place would describe everybody's kitchen if we lived in a tidy world.

But as real life goes — and real kitchens — things are not always so neat and orderly. Utensils and appliances have a way of playing hide-and-go-seek the moment you need them most.

For the busy family in a hurry (both parents working, kids involved in after-school activities), a disorganized kitchen can be more than inefficient: It can be downright vexatious.

That's why a team of professional designers put their heads together to design a kitchen that was a model of efficiency — ideal for just such a typical busy family. One where tempers will stay cool and meals come out piping hot and on time. By observing how they planned the kitchen, we can gain some valuable pointers that can be put to good use in our own households.

One clever idea the designers came up with was an appliance "garage" where small appliances can be parked when not in use. The garage is located at eye level and toaster, can opener, blender and the like are in open view and readily accessible. So are dishes, silverware, spices, bowls, pots and pans.

Here's how the kitchen is meant to function on an average day:

The wall behind the counter features a blackboard instead of customary backsplash. The first person home (probably one of the kids returning from school) checks the blackboard for dinner instructions. "Chicken, 4 p.m., 325 degrees," the chalked message reads.

At the designated hour, the "chef" for the evening removes the bird from the refrigerator, takes a couple of steps over to the microwave oven and pops it in, then goes to do homework. With a system like this, the night's dinner and the kids' studies are bound to go more smoothly.

Of course, a step-saving layout and open storage alone do not a model kitchen make. There's the matter of ease of maintenance — a crucial consideration for a family on the go.

From that standpoint, this kitchen is a dream. All of the surfaces are wipe-clean, from the Armstrong Solarian no-wax floor to the plastic-covered counter tops and cabinets, chrome and glass table and vinyl upholstered chairs.

To make the room seem larger — a psychological contributor to efficiency — the color scheme is uniformly white. The accent color is provided by the Solarian floor, with its cobblestone pattern in cheery yellow hues.

When time is of the essence, as it is for many modern families, a well organized kitchen makes every second count.

Hair will be short, sleek, sexy says hairstylist

Short, sleek and sexy is the spring forecast from Toronto hairstylist Maurice Fiorio.

He razor-cuts sides and back very short — right to the natural hairline — for his newest style. The top is blunt cut and left slightly longer to create height. Soft, fingerstyled curls add volume for a bouffant effect.

"What is important is adaptability," Fiorio says. "The volume can be added anywhere — on top or at the sides — to flatter a women's facial structure."

Eyes should carry a spring fever message, according to the hairstylist. "Eyes are sexy; eyes communicate," he says, "and the idea here is to keep the emphasis on them."

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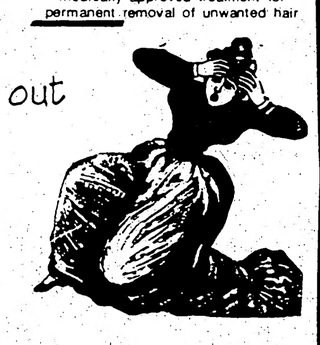
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Sentimental Victorian novel ideal gift for Valentine's Day

By JUDITH KNELMAN

Get into the spirit of Valentine's Day, by reading or giving a sentimental Victorian novel.

In the mid-19th century, love stories were central to novels. Anthony Trollope, the author of 47 novels, once tried to write one without a love interest, but it didn't succeed in the market, and he concluded that it was simply not feasible.

His other 46 have plenty of love, usually in the pattern of two suitors competing for one maiden or one suitor deciding between two maidens. His Palliser novels, which were dramatized in a BBC series carried on Masterpiece Theatre a few years ago, have had a resurgence and are widely available in paperback editions.

They can be bought separately or in a set of six: Can You Forgive Her?, The Eustace Diamonds, Phineas Finn, Phineas Redux, The Prime Minister and The Duke's Children.

Dickens' novels have even more sentiment than Trollope's. In a typical Dickens novel there are several love stories taking place on various levels of society and in various age groups. Fragile young girls are generally rewarded for their virtue by affluent and paternal suitors, while selfish or imprudent girls grow into unhappy, embittered or crazed old women.

A case in point is Great Expectations, where Pip, the young hero, is — after many trials — united with the girl of his dreams, who has been under the influence of a mad old woman who stopped the clock the day she was jilted.

Little Dorritt, Bleak House and Our Mutual Friend are also vintage Dickens, full of sentiment and passionate social criticism at the same time.

The most passionate of the Victorian novelists were undoubtedly the Brontes. Charlotte's Jane Eyre and Villette and Emily's Wuthering Heights — make fascinating reading for anyone who wants to understand the depths of a woman's love. Starved of love and society in a harsh, isolated existence on the Yorkshire moors, the Bronte sisters apparently found satisfaction in the alter-egos they created in their writings.

George Eliot was as realistic and pragmatic as the Brontes were sheltered and romantic. Her novels are full of a different kind of love story — the happiest women in her territory have made the most sensible marriages. Impetuousness, glamour and fancy lead lovers only to misery.

Middlemarch, George Eliot's major work, has several love stories woven through its rich fabric, all with the same moral. Silas Marner and Daniel Deronda are easier to read — Silas because it is relatively short and Deronda because its hero is that exotic specimen, a Jew in Victorian England.

There are lesser Victorian novelists who write about love and are worth reading for their insight into human nature and society. These include Elizabeth Gaskell, whose North and South is a classic study of tensions between manufacturers and their employees; Frances Trollope, Anthony's mother; Benjamin Disraeli, born a Jew but infatuated with English high society, and Wilkie Collins, who wrote detective fiction.

— Valentine's Day is a good time to begin an excursion back 150 years, and love stories are just the thing to stir the imagination and whet the appetite for more Victoriana. Then it's time to read the tougher-minded Victorian novelist who had no use for sentimentality, notably W. M. Thackeray, George Meredith and Thomas Hardy.

Ruffles, puffs and pleats make spring comeback; pleated trousers also in

Fancy pants, blosson tops, short skirts and fine detail are the hallmarks of spring 1981 fashions, reports Style Magazine.

Flounces, ruffles, puffed sleeves, pleats, bows and gathers are popular in spring-into-summer women's wear.

Fine dressmaker detail is a fashion investment. Its dividends are softness, prettiness and a certain youthful grace. It's time consuming to produce, though, and therefore often costly.

A cotton blouson top and dotted and pleated skirt by Francois Guenet for Malanson of Montreal cost about $225 and $100 respectively.

A 3-piece suit with ruffled, puff-sleeved blouse by Hugh Garber of Toronto retails for about $275.

A strapless dress with a stretch bodice and tiers of ruffles from waist to hem by Pierre de Roche of Toronto sells for about $275.

The emphasis is often on the hip. Blousons and low sashes draped over pleated or softly draped, sometimes ruffled skirts bring back a feeling of elegance and sophistication. Necklines are often asymetrical, sometimes ruffled or tied at the side with a scarf. Dropped waistlines repeat the motifs of asymetrical buttons or ties.

The chemise is still a viable fashion, but it's by no means the only one. Waistlines are sharply defined in the multitude of pants and jumsuits on the market this spring.

As Style points out, never has there been such a choice of pants — from silk crepe de chine evening shorts to rompers and bloomer suits.

Jeans are by no means out of fashion — but they've been joined by 2-pleat trousers, pedal pushers, jodhpurs, culottes, knickers, skorts and short shorts — sporty, tailored, dressy pants in varying lengths and widths. In silky fabrics, whether long or short, they're the newest thing for evening wear. In cotton, they go sunning, shopping and out to lunch.

They come with shirts, blazers, tunics, plol shirts and sweaters — the time of day and degree of dressiness determine the co-ordinates.

The ultimate in high fashion 1981 is Valentino's short balck taffeta pant worn with a tuxedo-look white taffeta jacket and striped cummerbund.

Style calls it the look of the 80s — short fancy pants in Luxurious evening fabrics. It's been picked up by Canadian manufacturers, who clearly expect to see it on store racks as well as fashion runways this spring.

Electronics advances seen in entertainment

Advances in electronics have given consumers access to lavish home entertainment centres and dealers a chance to sell mechanisms and accessories to a growing market.

Buyers are enthusiastic, often sophisticated. Probably motivated in part at least by the high cost of entertainment outside the home, they come to electronics retailers with substantial sums of money to be spent on video and stereo equipment.

Some people are using their TV sets and video cassette recorders to do more than tape TV programs. By buying full movies on tape cassettes, they get the original version of a movie, not a broken up and clumsy edited television version that fills in the space between commercials.

A cassette recorder can cost up to $1,500. Add to this $90 for the average movie and you have an idea of what many people are willing to spend on home entertainment. The Muppet Movie costs about $75, Superman $85 and Murder on the Orient Express $110.

Some dealers rent cassettes on the assumption that most people would rather watch movies once or twice than keep one or two to watch over and over. To get around copyright laws, they organize their customers into clubs or call their service "preview" rather than rental.

The converter, which converts TV signals on a cable line into UHF frequencies, is also big business in a city where tall buildings interfere with ordinary television reception. For anywhere from $30 (at a discount store) for the simplest and smallest to close to $200 for a remote control model with a digital clock, buyers can increase and improve their reception.

By and large, consumers do not spend recklessly on electronic equipment. "People are more conservative in electronics than in gadgets for their cars," said the manager of a specialty electronics outlet. "They make it their business to know quality and to know what terms mean. When we mention quartz-locked tuning or a scanner, they understand."

High-priced gadgetry, he said, is for the big-time executive who wants others to be impressed with his equipment in the same way they notice his expensive car.

The average person spends a fair amount, but buys carefully, usually in the medium price range.

Popular electronic equipment these days includes stereo sets at around $400, record players at about $230, a pair of speakers for about $150, a stand for $50 to $100, a "tweeter" to filter the high notes for under $30, a tape deck for about $200 and a portable cassette recorder for about $90.

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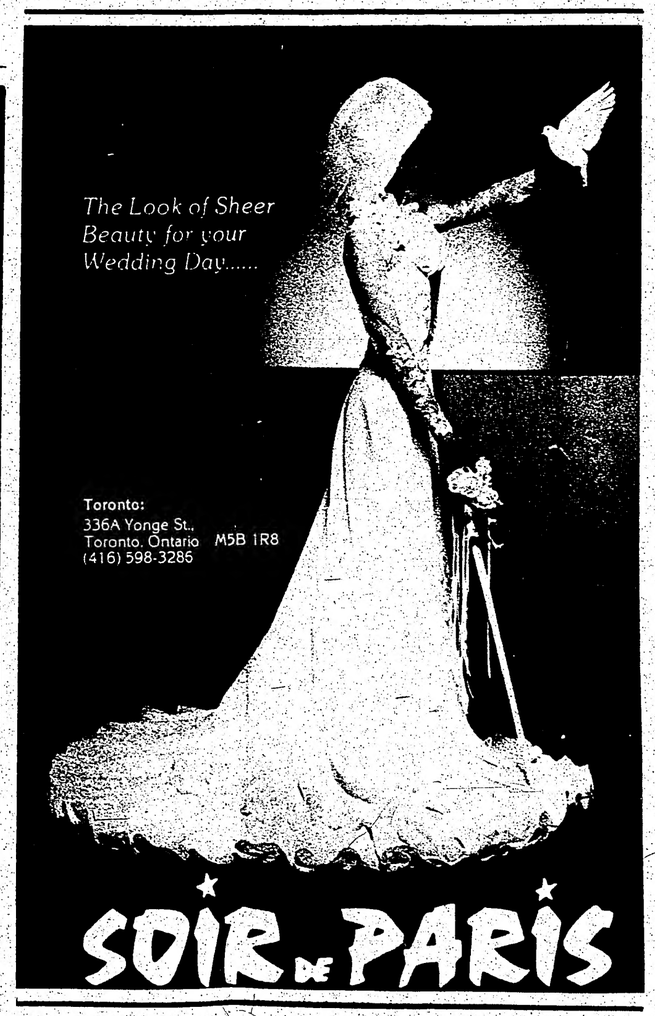

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Shelving systems can be the answer to space problems in an apartment or too-small house. And in a house that's big enough but sparsely furnished, they can provide a one-stop answer to organization.

In a room that serves several related functions, shelves can house disparate materials, hiding bulky or unsightly objects and displaying decorative ones.

A music centre can hold stereo components in view and speakers behind attractive wood grilles that fit the shelves exactly. Records can be neatly stacked in separated alcoves designed to accommodate them exactly. A television set can sit on a wider shelf in the same unit so that is doesn't jut out abruptly.

Glass doors can protect and display collectibles, while wood doors conceal utilitarian essentials. A writing desk, for instance, can pull out of a row of shelves, with stationery supplies stored conveniently but unobtrusively in drawers or cupboards nearby. Or it can flip down, so that what looks like a cupboard door becomes the stand for a typewriter.

There are many components available. Shelves, showcases, drawers, cupboard, tables and even beds fit into these units. Any combination can be expanded with the addition of a few sectional partitions. That means you can start out on a small apartment wall and regroup when you acquire larger rooms in a house.

As room dividers, free-standing shelf units can define separate living areas and at the same time store the components necessary to those areas.

For instance, a kitchen-dining area can be separated by an expanse of shelves that holds a pop-out sideboard on the dining side, specially lined drawers for silver flatware that open into the dining area, and glass-backed cupboards for stemware that open into the kitchen.

That way, when you need the space, you have a bar or buffet, but when you are entertaining you have more room for ordinary family movement.

If you want to turn the dining room of a standard 6-room, 2-storey house into a family room, you can build a wall of shelves along the wall closest to the kitchen, breaking part of the wall for a pass-through if it's practical.

Your shelving unit can hold not only cutlery and dishes but a table large enough to accommodate a family at mealtime. Flip the table back into its cupboard and there's no trace of a dining room.

The unit can also house a television set, books and magazines, so that it looks like an ordinary family room. And if the family wants a table for games, the flip-out table can come out again.

The wall bed allows you to use a bedroom or guest room for other purposes during the day. In a bachelor apartment, a wall bed folds neatly into a cupboard along with the bedding on it, so that at night there's no need to remake the bed. The bed simply fits behind cupboard doors. It can go either vertically or horizontally.

You can get wall beds in various sizes from narrower than twin to queen. To turn a master bedroom into a study, you can buy a shelving unit with two twin beds that can be swung down individually. The cupboards that house them look like clothes closets, and indeed, you can incorporate clothes closets into your wall of shelves.

You can also incorporate a writing area, a projection screen with automatic roll-up mechanism, deep file drawers and a TV cabinet with folding doors and a revolving platform that turns the set to various viewing angles.

With shelving, you can line a hallway, frame windows, create an attic apartment, add closet space, conceal a sleeping area, decorate a wall and double your use of a room. How far you go depends on your pocketbook.

With advice from a shelving specialty firm such as Musterring, you can acquire furniture and space at the same time and spend quite a bit in the process. If you go to a cut-rate mass producer, you'll spend less but also find fewer options.

If the sky's the limit you can have a custom-designed wall ordered through a decorator or retail furniture store.

Anything in mirror makes an effective profession of admiration. There are Art Deco mirrors, stained glass mirrors, stand mirrors, dressing table mirrors, framed mirrors, shaped mirrors, mirror shelves, mirror screens, three-panel mirrors, etc., to suit a multiplicity of home decorating schemes and pocketbooks. Mirror dealers are the best bet for these.

Perfume, bath oil, sachets and other scented products are Valentine's Day regulars, but they are always fresh gift ideas because cosmetics manufacturers are constantly inventing new scents, new packaging and new products. Drug stores as well as department stores often offer a tremendous selection.

The key to a successful Valentine's Day offering is indulgence. The idea is to flatter your Valentine by encouraging her vanity. It's a blatantly sexist occasion, but then Valentine was a pagan saint.

Valentine's Day ideas that break tradition but still say I love you

By JUDITH KNELMAN

Chocolates, flowers and cards are Valentine's Day traditions. There's nothing wrong with retaining these, but they can be embellished if you're tired of giving that heart-shaped box of candy.

Chocolate can say "I love you" in many other ways. Exclusive chocolate stores sell chocolate letters that can spell it out explicitly and expensively.

To save money and calories, you can buy a pair of chocolate lips. These come in various sizes, depending on your passion.

Or you can switch to gourmet food, which to the calorie-conscious would be a more practical present than candy. English tea, French mustard, Canadian wild rice, exotic preserves, dried fruit, etc. are items the average grocery shopper would find decadent but most welcome.

Instead of flowers, there are always plants, which probably cost more but last longer. If you buy a blooming plant, pick red or pink. Nature has obligingly produced many varieties in these colors. If you're feeling extravagant, buy a pair, one red and one white, that's a Valentine statement that's comprehensible because it's based on the tradition of floral offerings but inventive because it's double and not strictly floral.

Plant containers, with or without plants inside, make good Valentine gifts. You can buy these in wicker, ceramic, or — especially nice when you're saying "I love you" — mirror. Plant specialists like The Plant Warehouse on Yonge St. near Davenport Rd. tend to stock a large selection of these.

Some good hints for dressing up your windows

If you dress your windows for winter in the same way you dress yourself for winter — in layers —, you'll find your room warmer as well as more attractive.

Layers on the window will create a dead air space that contributes to the room's insulation. The more layers, the more insulation you have.

The idea is to cover up when it's cold and dark, but to let the sunlight stream in during the day. At the same time as you're letting in the light, you want to keep out cold drafts, so you use valances and side curtains to muffle the side and top edges where the glass meets the wall.

Good ingredients for layering are mini-blinds with draperies, linings on draw draperies, shutters on windows with draperies and sheers under draw draperies. Some vertical louvered shades with vinyl on the back side make it excellent insulators.

Shutters or mini-blinds can be done in a solid accent color picked up from print draperies on the same window. If the room has a very small window as well as a large one, you can pick up the same solid accent on a mini-blind or laminated shade for the small window.

Impact is derived from the combination of various colors and textures. Instead of mixing prints and solids you can mix textures or colors.

It's important to control the combinations or the effect will be lost in confusion. Open-weave draperies in one color might be hung with smooth sheers in a contrasting color. Or monochromatic velour furniture can blend with rough-textured Roman shades.

A carpet or wallpaper in either a similar color or a contrasting one adds more interest, as long as the effect is balanced. Grasscloth, wallpaper, for example, can be used effectively in the same color as smooth-textured fabrics or in a color that contrasts with that of wood or cane window coverings. Or use grasscloth louvers on the windows in the same color as fabric side draperies.

If the window is the focal point of your room everything should blend with it. Cushions on a nearby bench or sofa, for instance, can be in a striped fabric that imitates the slats of mini-blinds.

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Erosion of women's dignity a prime concern

Author explores problems of older people

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

No one is immune from the process of aging, and author Leah Cohen is currently completing a book on the subject, especially as it relates to women.

Specifically, Cohen said she is looking at the erosion of dignity in women as they grow older. The title of the book, which she believes will be finished by June, is "Nobody Ever Told Me," taken from the words of one older woman who said "nobody ever told me it would be like this."

"We can't say we're a progressive, humane society unless we take care of our older people. In that sense, we're barbarians," said Cohen, a political scientist who has written many articles about women. She also co-authored one other book, "The Secret Oppression—Sexual Harassment of Working Women," and has received a Canada Council writer's award.

Pointing out that there will be more and more older women, and quoting from Statistics Canada that the average age a woman becomes a widow is 56, two-thirds of senior women live below the poverty level of $4,000 to $5,000, and 8% of seniors live in institutions, Cohen has been interviewing a wide range of people for the past two years, including professionals and women going through the experience, "to get a sense of the norm."

In an interview with The CJN, Cohen said she started to develop a real appreciation for older women when her grandmother lived with her family for a number of years. The grandmother, who died in a nursing home a couple of years ago at the age of 95, had said she resented being treated like a mental incompetent while in the home.

Cohen found in her research that "there is no reward for a lifetime as a homemaker, or working in a poor, pensionless job." Instead, she has found that "women are discriminated against for living long."

[Mario Fieldstone photo]

Leah Cohen

There are limited options for older women in terms of housing. Cohen said people do not want to leave their neighborhoods and she referred to the guilt experienced by middle-aged daughters who have to make the decision of having their parent live either in a nursing home or in their own home. "It's a tremendous problem for both generations."

Cohen discussed the area of health and the way women are perceived from age 40 and on, when menopause may begin and the woman is no longer fertile. Instead, she is often seen as neurotic, requiring drugs and sometimes controversial operations, such as a hysterectomy.

"Women can't age naturally. We're supposed to be eternally youthful," she said.

Through her interviews and analysis, Cohen has decided that it is easier to grow older if the woman is not wealthy. She said poorer women are more fatalistic, "since they cannot afford luxuries such as spas, and very often their main goal in life is survival."

Cohen said there has been very little written about women and aging and even less about violence against older women, which takes into account abuse, neglect, exploitation and rape. Searching for more information on the subject through The New York Times from 1969 to 1981, she said she found only 12 articles on the topic commonly known as "granny-bashing."

Although Cohen said there are no clearcut solutions, she asked the women surveyed to answer in their own words how they wanted to live and she received responses such as "to be a part of life," "to love and be loved," "with dignity," "I want to live to the day I die," and "I don't want to be a burden."

One woman told Cohen that the labels "senior citizen" and "old age" have negative connotations, and she suggested descriptions such as elders and betters.

Some of these elders, who feel that the women's movement has neglected them, have started political organizations, such as the Gray Panthers, Displaced Homemakers for women considered too old to be upgraded for jobs yet too young to receive pensions, and Older Women's League, which is writing a series of papers, defining the problems of poverty, pensions and the health care system.

Other possible solutions include making younger people aware of the problem and looking for collective responses from the elders. Cohen mentioned a group of women who started buying houses on one specific street in Toronto and another group planning to buy an apartment building so they could live close to and look after each other.

Researching this topic has made Cohen, who is 35, start to think of her old age. She said she feels less frightened and has been inspired by the people she interviewed. Some of the benefits of this project include becoming close friends with three of the women she met, two of them in their 70s and one in her 60s, and working with Raye Ackerman, who helped Cohen with her research and knitted beautiful sweaters for her.

Cohen said she understands that besides being responsible for her health, she must also take care of her mind and "live a balanced life." So, her future plans are full — including doing more teaching and public speaking, becoming involved in filmmaking, traveling to Europe to interview more older women and expand her knowledge in this area, and perhaps eventually writing a novel.

Psychiatrist tells panel to face death "as an inevitable process of life"

By DANIEL ACKS

TORONTO —

Our increasing alienation from the death process has contributed to certain moral, religious and legal dilemmas whose solutions are often in direct conflict with each other, according to panelists participating in a recent public forum sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress and the United Way at the Centre for Creative Living.

Dr. Cyril Gryfe, medical director of Baycrest Centre, stated that "in the past the cataclysms of existence — birth and death — occurred at home. Now, 80% of all deaths occur in hospitals. The dying process has been taken away from where one lives and converted into something foreign to us."

Gryfe noted the development of Thanatology — the scientific study of death's psycho-social aspects — indicates our clinically detached concern with dying as an "unreal experience."

"There is a general infrequency of discussion and involvement with the decision making of the death process," stated Gryfe.

Dr. Jerry Cooper, chief psychiatrist of York-Finch Hospital, stressed that we "should not fear death, but face it and deal with it as an inevitable process of life itself."

He outlined two kinds of euthanasia: passive, where the individual is allowed to die, and active, where one causes the patient's actual death.

"We are taught that life is precious," stated Cooper. "However, people are entitled to as good a death as possible."

Cooper told of the "feelings of futility" on a doctor's part when faced with a life and death decision. "It is a complex and personal topic, but I feel it comes down to the patient's choice."

The principle of passive euthanasia was refuted by Hugh Silverman, editor of the Legal-Medical Quarterly. Acknowledging that it is a "difficult legal position," Silverman told the forum that the taking of someone's life, actively or passively, is still considered murder by law.

"According to the criminal code," said Silverman, "if a physician undertakes surgical procedure, he must do it to the best of his abilities by supplying the basic necessities of life."

The question of a "living will," as practiced in California, is not recognized under Ontario Law. With such a will, the terminal cases may give their consent for passive euthanasia.

Rabbi Moishe Friedman, of Ner Israel Yeshiva, stated that such a will is also not valid under Talmudic law where the individual is "not in possession of one's own life. It is a God-given gift. In Judaism, there is no question that life is precious."

Friedman stated that it is never permitted to take a patient off life-sustaining equipment. However, there is a question whether or not to put a person on the machine in the first place.

"In terminal illness there is no obligation to save the person's life and the person should be left to die with dignity. However, if treatment is initiated, it must be on an ongoing basis."

Friedman told the gathering that there is no such thing in Jewish law as generalization when it comes to life and death situations.

U.S. Jews are bracing for style changes with conservatives in power

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The question was also raised whether Reagan will give the same support to Jewish concerns for human rights issues — especially those affecting Jews — as did Jimmy Carter.

Pearlson also noted that while Jewish support for social justice is as solid as ever, there is an emerging neo-conservatism in the Jewish community which feels that in some areas of social welfare the traditional liberal Jewish agenda has gone too far.

In the words of Albert Chernin, executive vice-chairman of NJCRAC: "We see boldness, brilliance compassion and wisdom . . . in such progressive programs . . . as social security, welfare, aid to dependent children and food stamps . . . but some are now asking if these programs are intended for eternity."

Pearlson said NJCRAC voiced acute concern for the rising tide of violence in American society. In a period of economic contraction, there is a hardening of class lines which provokes adversarial conflict, he said.

He described an evening with friends at dinner in a San Diego restaurant, where the conversation dealt primarily with the violence that people are encountering in their daily lives. He was shocked, he said, to learn that most of the men carried mace tear gas holsters on their belts, and the women carried mace containers in their handbags.

Middle-class Jews by the thousands, he was told, are turning for protection to such devices as mace and guns.

Such levels of violence are still incomprehensible to ordinary Canadians, said Pearlson. "We're lucky we live in a relatively violence-free culture, but we cannot afford to be complacent."

He pointed out that the rash of anti-semitic incidents which has broken out across the U.S should be viewed within the context of the general rise in anti-social behavior.

Generally, the anti-semitic fringe groups in the U.S. are regarded as small and ineffectual with the exception of the 200,000 member Library Lobby. A far-right anti-semitic group, the Liberty lobby frequently tapes broadcasts to radio stations and lobbies actively in Washington against the admission of Soviet Jews.

Pearlson said the NJCRAC held workshops on such topics as Falasha Jews, the political ambitions of the evangelical Christian right, Soviet Jews and matters pertaining to the Holocaust.

About 400 attended the plenum which he described as "a major policy-making forum" for community relation committees all across the U.S.

Pearlson said it is important to attend such high-level consultations because "they enable Canadians to better spot trends which, often as not, spill across borders."

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Nathan Cohen's photo scans Douglas Campbell [seated] and Miles Potter.

Famous theatre critic profiled in new play

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Ten years after his death at the age of 47, the gold-headed cane and glowering presence of Nathan Cohen are back in the Toronto theatre scene in a play about the famous Toronto Star critic, at Theatre Passe Muraille, until Feb. 15.

It is probably the first play ever written about a Canadian journalist and is bound to encourage comparisons between Cohen and Alexander Woolcott, the even more famous drama critic of the New Yorker Magazine. A play was written about Woolcott, too — "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and its chief character, Sheridan Whiteside, was famous for his devastating one-liners.

Critics of Nathan Cohen said he emulated Woolcott, with his cane and cape, and Toronto playwright Rick Salutin agrees that with Cohen the cane was pure affectation. "But his family told me that Nathan never wore a cape in his life," Salutin said. "He sometimes wore his coat over his shoulders and it looked like a cape. This was just one of the many myths I ran to earth in writing the play."

For example, the playwright said he could find no examples of harsh remarks by Cohen about Canadian performers, or any ruthless one-liners which killed plays on opening nights.

Salutin's play, "Nathan Cohen: A Review" establishes once and for all that Cohen didn't need to bathe in the reflected glory of Woolcott. He was a theatrical figure in his own right. What's more, Salutin believes he deserves a special place in the history of performing arts in Canada.

When the lights come up, actor Douglas Campbell does look amazingly like Cohen, his bulky figure squeezed into a narrow theatre seat, waiting impatiently for the play to begin.

In an interview, Salutin said it was easier for people to deal with Cohen's cane and cape than it was with the heavy message he bore about the need for a distinctive Canadian culture.

The playwright uses the same device at times as he has Cohen doing a buck and wing with a striptease artist as they sing the words of "Cultural Cookout, Nathan's on the Prowl," — original music composed by Phil Schreibman. In another scene, an aspiring young actress tries to cuddle up to Cohen, showing a lot of leg as she does so.

In the 1940s Nathan Cohen wrote for leftwing Jewish publications in Toronto and a definitive scene early in the play is set in the offices of the Vochenblatt when Cohen, still in his early 20s, was editor of its English section.

His real life editor at the time, Joe Gershman, now 79, was in the audience opening night. "I kept pushing Nathan to write theatre criticism and book reviews because I recognized he was a literary man," says Gershman.

(The Vochenblatt ceased publication in 1979, after 53 years, when Gershman had serious eye trouble and a replacement as editor could not be found.)

Gershman said Cohen "more or less made a living" from writing for Vochenblatt and New Voice, a sister publication, and for Today, a monthly edited by Sol Gordon, co-author with Ted Allen of a book on Dr. Norman Bethune.

Gershman was best man at Cohen's wedding in 1947 to Gloria Brontman and said Cohen kept in touch with him as the years went by.

"I am now 100% opposed to the Communist Party," Gershman said, "but in those days I was the overseer of Nathan's copy and I had to make sure it was politically kosher." Cohen, of course, left the Communist Party after a few years.

Among his other duties, Cohen also translated some of Gershman's Yiddish articles for use in the English section of Vochenblatt.

Allan Gould, whose 8,000-word article on Cohen is to appear in the March issue of Toronto Life, said Cohen's writings for the Jewish press in Toronto represented a formative period in his development as a journalist.

Salutin believes that the things Cohen railed against in Toronto in the 1950s are still present in the Toronto of the 1980s. "There is still a certain prissiness here. He did his best to break down the barriers between high culture and the popular arts but we still have cultural elites running the Art Gallery of Ontario and certain of our performing arts establishments."

Nathan Cohen's father was a peddler and merchant in Sydney, N.S., and a learned man who founded a synagogue there. Though he knew little English, the elder Cohen learned Gaelic to converse with his farmer customers. Salutin draws on this for a vignette in the play.

If you didn't agree with Nathan Cohen's reviews when he was alive, the play isn't likely to change your mind. But it's good theatre and that's what Nathan Cohen's life was about.

Barnes works re-performed at Holy Blossom Temple

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Original Jewish serious musical compositions should not be just premiered and then forgotten. They should be performed regularly at our services and communal events. And so, two Milton Barnes works of admirably different styles were recently re-performed at Holy Blossom Temple.

"Shema — A Sacred Service" was premiered at Temple Emanu-El on March 3, 1978, when it was favorably reviewed by me. It sounded even better the second time around — especially the Shema third movement, which has a distinctly Satie imprint with contemporary overtones fused into a melodic Hebraic framework. The opening movement, based on Psalm 96, has a refreshingly catchy minor key, piano-interval, fast syncopated pattern which is frequently repeated.

Cantor Benjamin Maissner's lead tenor performance was stronger than the original vocal lead insofar that it was more elastic. The choral arrangements for the Temple chorus were sutiably harmonic and the performance was zesty yet polished.

But the real star performer was the pianist, Susan Chenette, who also accompanied the original premiere performance. Her masterfully sensitive accompaniments really held everything else together, especially in light of Holy Blossom's acoustics which, although fairly kind to instruments, deadingly flatten the vocals.

The other Barnes work was his "String Quartet #2 (Scenes from Jewish Life) which is a blend of Bartok-type abstract rhapsody and soaring Bloch-style lyrical passages which culminate around the theme of the folk classic "Moishele Mein Freund."

The fairly difficult fast string passages were effortlessly and expressively performed by four highly reputable string instrumentalists: Joseph Peleg on first violin, Myron Moskalyk on second violin, Douglas Perry on viola and Paul Pulford on cello. Special praise is due to this ensemble's natural ability to capture the true essence of the lyrical passages from an overall comprehensive framework.

RECORD REVIEW: Cantor Paul Zim's latest album, "The Strength of Our People," is a joyously upbeat album which should easily find a large audience, since it accurately reflects what is the underlying confidenta and optimistic outlook which probably is the grassroots Jewish sentiment of today.

The best cut on the album is his original Chazak v'Nitzchzeik, which epitomizes this confident yet folksy spirit of strength and courage. There are also original versions of the familiar Hiney ma Tov and Al Hakol from the Haftorah blessings, as well as Ein Kelokeinu.

Familiar standards on this album include contemporary hits such as Hallelujah and No More War, folk melodies such as Erev shel Shoshanim and Haveinu Shalom Aleichem as well as the not-so-familiar yet inspiring Carlos Slivskin version of Adon Olam.

Beth Anne Cole's new show cheers up those winter nights with singing and dancing

TORONTO —

"No Regrets," Beth Anne Cole's latest cabaret show, is a pleasant piece of diversion to cheer up those cold winter nights.

She sings, dances and talks her way into your heart, a gusty performer who tries mightily to please. She isn't always successful, but when she brings off a number, you know you're in the presence of a highly competent chanteuse.

Now playing at Harbourfront's Amsterdam Cafe, No Regrets should leave you in exactly the same mood after Ms. Cole finishes her eclectic repertoire of 18 songs.

She sings about the passion of love, the yearning of dreams, the bitterness of disappointment, the wistfulness of childhood and the nostalgia of blooming youth.

Clad in a dazzling skirt and, later, in purple skintight slacks, Ms. Cole is a sympathetic, sardonic and sweet lady whose full-throated voice does justice to her wide array of songs. She holds the audience, but her effort is noticeable. Laziness is certainly not one of her faults.

Ms. Cole is particularly effective when she belts out a haunting bilingual number on the glories of Flanders, the Flemish-speaking region of Belgium. And she is positively moving when, in the role of Eva Peron, she implores her "shirtless ones" not to cry for her.

One of the highlights of the evening is undoubtedly her impersonation of vaudeville's Fanny Brice. In one fell swoop, Ms. Cole is an Yiddisher Indian squaw, a fledgling dancer and a lovelorn fiance waiting for Nathan, her man, to pop the ultimate question.

Her Yiddish-inflected English is rollicking, as she breathes life into the legend of one of her favorite performers.

Beth Anne Cole, judging by this 2-hour performance, is a talented singer, a cute dancer and a good talker. Her pianist, Bruce Harvey, is fine.

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TORONTO —

You'll love Luv.

Local producer Safford Hutchins' version of the Murray Schisgal play — at the Pits Cabaret until Feb. 15 — is a lively and entertaining piece of theatre.

Marshall Perlmutar plays Milt Manville, the outgoing opportunist who decides to palm his wife off on a neurotic school chum he has not seen in 10 years. Perlmutar is energetic, expressive and very convincing.

Bryan Coyne is the friend, Harry Berlin, whom Milt first catches at the point of suicide. Coyne plays the role to the hilt, which includes everything from muscle seizures and spells of blindness to thumbsucking. Even in his "normal" moments, Coyne's Berlin never loses his constant tone of self-pity or his baby-like substitutions of w's for r's in his speech.

Despite these apparent defects, he is always somewhat loveable, which helps complicate the developing relationship.

Anna Camara's Ellen Manville, the most complex role of the three, is probably the closest thing to a tour de force in current Toronto theatre. The conflicts that rage within her between passion and intellect, boldness and insecurity, and educated tastes and basic drives come across beautifully. Through them all, she is vital and intense.

The stage is made up of a bench, lamp post and wire trash can, designed by stage manager Steven Balen. It is at floor level in an out-of-the-way corner in a basement eatery in the Avenue Park Hotel, 138 Pears Ave. Considering the probable budget involved, Luv must be dispensing an all-time high in entertainment per production dollar.

But then, Ms Hutchins is a stranger to no aspect of theatre. She has been a performer since seven years of age. At 12, she invested money in a local show. She completed high school in Mexico, where she studies theatre arts at Instituto Allende. In Guadalajara, she wrote and directed a play that moved the audience to tears. Since then, she has worked as a television hostess, in children's theatres, night clubs and various plays.

Upon her graduation from the Dome Theatre School in Montreal, she directed and choreographed a number of plays in that city. Luv is her first effort as a director in Toronto and her first production anywhere.

Marshall Perlmutar started his stage career more than 15 years ago with a North York drama group, the Premier Players. He has had leading roles in various musical comedies, and performed in radio and television commercials.

Anna Camara, a graduate of the Niagara Theatre Centre, has starred in numerous plays and cabarets in the Golden Horseshoe area.

Toronto-born Brian Coyne got his first dramatic role in "Death of a Salesman" in 1977 at the Greenhouse Theatre in London, Ont. He has also appeared as a standup comic in nightclubs throughout Canada and the U.S.

Together, these dynamic and competent individuals make Luv an entertaining treat, one that outshines far more lavish productions recently offered in Toronto.

BY VAN GOGH

La Berceuse: Madame Agustin Roulin [1889] is one of the paintings by Vincent van Gogh on display at the Art Gallery of Ontario until March 22. It was loaned by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

"The Talmud For Today" explores legend, lore, wisdom

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Talmud For Today
By Alexander Feinsilver
St. Martin's Press, $18.75

What is the Talmud?

It is a unique, many-sided literary work concerned with the elucidation of Biblical law and commandments.

The precepts of the Torah, often terse and general in nature, require interpretation and elaboration. The product of more than 800 years of intellectual speculation and cultural activity in Palestine and Babylonia, the Talmud contains 2 million words and deals with innumerable subjects.

For centuries the decisions, formulations and discussions of the rabbis were not put into writing lest they be regarded as sacred or definitive as the Bible itself. Eventually, this vast body of "oral law," beyond the capacity of any individual to remember, was written down. Traditional Judaism regards the Talmud as the complement and fulfilment of Scripture.

About two-thirds of Talmudic material is concerned with law — ritual, civil and criminal ((halacha), but the remainder, a strong and constant current, is entirely different in spirit. This non-perspective portion of the Talmud (Aggada) includes the free play of the mind and the imagination and fantasy of a multitude of teachers and sages through the centuries.

Describing the Aggada, a scholar has written: "Between the rugged boulders of the law which bestrew the path of the Talmud, there grow the blue flowers of romance — parable, tale, proverb, saga; its elements are taken from heaven and earth, but chiefly and most lovingly from the human heart and from Scripture. Every verse and every word in this latter became, as it were, a golden nail upon which it hung its gorgeous tapestries."

In the 16th century Jacob Ibn Habib, a Turkish Jewish scholar — and his son — complied an anthology of all the Aggadic portions of the Talmud. This work entitled "En Yaakov," (Well of Jacob), became one of the most popular works for study and inspiration — especially in Eastern Europe.

Rabbi Alexander Feinsilver, in this splendid and entertaining compilation, has lovingly sifted the contents of En Yaakov and translated and edited about one-fifth of the original text. He was guided by two considerations — to exemplify rabbinic thought and values and to keep the contemporary reader in mind.

"The Talmud For Today" is divided into 17 sections from "God and His Way," and "The Righteous Life" through "Martyrs and Miracles" and "The Future Life" to "Tales and Legends," "Proverbs and Maxims." What results is a fascinating melange of legend, lore, obiter dicta, wisdom, advice, primitive notions about science and medicine, and superstition.

The over a thousand brief selections are buttressed by the retention of the immediate context and the supportive Biblical references. The book contains helpful footnotes as well as an index and an up-to-date bibliography.

The following few terse selections caught my fancy:

• He who dissembles in this speech is like one who worships idols. — Sanhedrin.

• Teach your tongue to say, "I do not know," lest you be mistaken or led to falsehood. — Berachotch.

• One may sell a Torah scroll for the purpose of marriage. — Megillah.

• A simple coin in an empty bottle makes a loud noise. — Baba Metzia.

• Rabbi Judah said, "If one does not teach his son a trade it is as if he teaches him to steal. — Kiddushin.

• Rab said, "One should always avoid deceiving his wife for she is easily brought to tears. — Baba Metzia.

• Rabbi Eleazar said, "The righteous promise little but do much, the wicked promise much but do nothing. — Baba Metzia.

Moore awards create local showbiz glitter

By DANNY ACKS

TORONTO —

A little bit of Broadway glittered recently at Toronto's St. Lawrence Centre during the first annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards presented to exceptional local theatre of the past year.

David Paquet and Vivienne Muhling, co-producers of Avid Entertainments' Indigo, captured the award for outstanding production of a cabaret or revue, while Beryl Fox and Marlene Smith of I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road shared the honors for outstanding production of a musical.

The evening, hosted by Don Harron costumed in kilt and ruffled shirt, saw special performances by Indigo's Salome Bey and Denis Simpson, Dinah Christie, Judith Lander of I'm Getting My Act Together . . . and Review/Revue's cast members featuring Charlotte Moore (Dora Moore's granddaughter).

Dora Mavor Moore, past recipient of the Woman of the Year Award from Toronto women's chapters of the B'nai B'rith, had been a motivating force in local theatre since 1926. Her New Play Society organized in 1946, brought over 200 productions to Toronto audiences, including the first, and now annual Spring Thaw.

Mrs Moore was responsible for training various talents in their formative years, including Pierre Berton, Robert Goulet, Lorne Greene, Norman Jewison and Bernard Slade.

In collaboration with Tyrone Guthrie, Moore formed the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Foundation which served to popularize and bring classic works to a wide audience.

Don Harron, one of Mrs. Moore's early drama students, told the audience fondly that "Dora never cared about anything material. Her art was her life. She was completely selfless when it came to the theatre."

Such tribute was reiterated by Dora's son, Mavor Moore, Canada Council chairman, who related an anecdotal illumination concerning his late mother: "When Dora was a child," said Moore, "she came upon one of the elderly justices of the Canadian courts who was busy planting a row of young saplings in his garden.

"In all the candor of youth, she asked the man why he was hard at such work when he would surely be long gone by the time the trees matured.

His answer to Dora was: 'That is exactly the reason, my dear, why I must plant them now.' I think in Dora's case," continued Moore, "the same principle applies. She knew the seeds of her endeavors would eventually blossom into artistic fruition. This night has proved her true."

Short novels remind us of what we know

By SHARON L. DRACHE

Two short novels:
The Noise of Singing, 71 pages
Dark of Caves, 99 pages
By Abraham Ram
Golden Dog Press, Ottawa

Abraham Ram's offerings are an anguished chronicle of life gone amiss for a Montreal Jewish family in the 60s and 70s.

In his probe, the author deals with the successes and failures of Moe Tabb, Jewish son, lover, part-time writer.

Poor Moe can't cope. After seven years, his marriage to sweet Rosalie goes sour and he can't figure out why. He is plagued by his inability to achieve the measure of success he wants, both in his work and personal life Constantly he flogs, "Ah, how gentle, he, Moe, had been when he started out, how full of idealistic dreams. And now, Moe shmo . . . you second-hand dreamer you!"

In his 40s he is still waiting for a bit of mazel, his break. Moe Tabb wants to be a GREAT WRITER but he'll settle for any publication.

There's a memorable fantasy which he relates to Evie, his French Canadian girlfriend about how he'll hook the CBC into broadcasting one of his radio plays. But Evie doesn't understand his writer's dreams or nightmares. Moe is alone in his misery.

And the reader asks, just why is this middle-aged man so wretched? The answer seems to be an overdose of guilt for not being "good enough," a familiar song among some contemporary Jews whose goals are often way beyond their capabilities. And in Moe's case, his psychological burden makes his life and the lives of those he touches, a pain.

Unfortunatley, the tired theme of these novels implies the protagonist's mother is to blame. Somehow this Jewish mamma is responsible for Moe's easygoing father's withdrawn personality in his senior years. Also, she is progenitor of her son's rabid "al chait" syndrome.

Mrs. Tabb, armed with an arsenal of insults, nags Moe's father literally to death. Although the rabbi eulogizes "he made no headlines . . . he was a simple man . . . everyone he met liked him," Moe claims his mother was the exception. Yes, his father's harridan was incapable of genuinely loving his lovabel dad.

If Ram sounds similar to Richler or Roth, he's not. There's little to laugh at in this author's polished prose, which nags like the Jewish matriarch he viciously portrays.

Ram is presently working on a third novel for his continuing series. I'm curious as to whether he'll stick to his straight depiction, which is honest to the point of being brutal, or if he'll lapse into satire in the style of Richler or Roth.

Whatever his plan, the next instalment, due later this year from Golden Dog Press, is worth reading, if only to remind us of what we already know.

Abraham Ram resides in Montreal where he is an associate professor in the English department at Concordia University.

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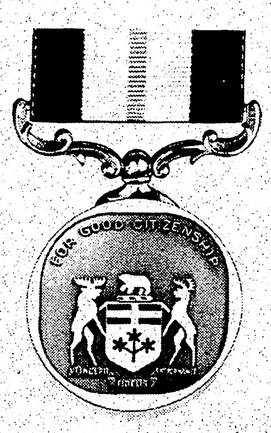

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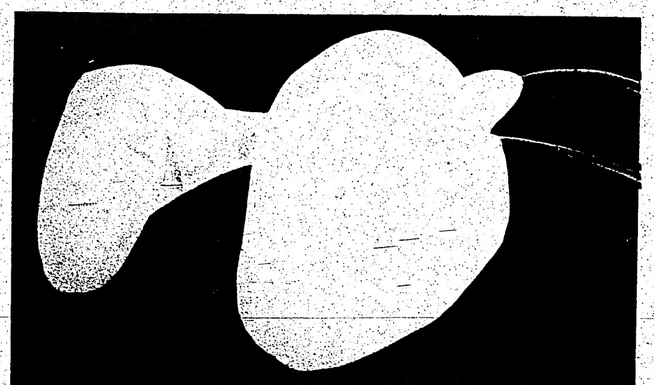

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Travel

Golf within sight of Atlantic Ocean is one of the attractions of Myrtle Beach.

Golfing, festivals attract visitors to Myrtle Beach

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — From March 21 to 29, the 55-mile (88 kilometre) stretch of white sand beach here will be filled by Canadian as well as United States visitors, during the first of many spring festivals. It will be the 20th annual Canadian-American Days Festival on the Grand Strand with parades, square dancing, tours of historic homes, beach games, golf tournaments and fishing contests.

About 100 events have been lined up.

Myrtle Beach has long been a special attraction for Canadians, especially during the years when the Canadian and U.S. dollars were almost at par and Canadian currency was accepted as readily as U.S. green folding money. With the present differential in the two currencies, acceptance of Canadian money at par is not anticipated.

The many small communities in and about the Grand Strand teem with small hotels, motels, guest homes and camping sites. There are over 9,000 campsites in the area, many right alongside the ocean, some in state parks.

(If you are planning on going for the March school break, it is advisable to make reservations early through your travel agent or the Greater Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, Box 2115, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 29577, U.S.A.)

If you haven't played golf since last autumn, bring your golf clubs along, for the Grand Strand area alone has some two dozen courses, and the state has close to 200 golf courses, many open to the public. There are even some golf package plans in connection with specific hotels and motels, with weekend or weekly rates, which your travel agent may know about.

The fishing along the 200 mile (448 km) state coastline varies from surf fishing to deepsea. There are piers all along the coast where you can fish for a small fee, and fishing boats can be rented by the day or longer for deepsea fishing.

You can pull in tarpon, bluefish, flounder and trout from the piers. Surf fishermen bring in whiting, flounder and bass, while the deepsea anglers can catch dolphin, barracuda, bonito, albacore, amberjack and sailfish.

Inland there is freshwater fishing in streams and lakes which come down from the Blue Ridge Mountains. The most common inland game fish are largermouth bass, blue-gill bream, white bass, pickerel and yellow perch.

Myrtle Beach region offers relaxation on the wide beaches, swimming and bathing in the Atlantic where the water is warmed by the Gulf Stream which passes only 45 miles (72 km) off shore, with bird sanctuaries, lighthouses to visit, a wide variety of sub-tropical plant life and spring-like temperatures.

Further south is the city of Charleston, a major seaport, first settled by the English in 1670, and noted for its historic homes and flower gardens. Some of the gardens were started over 200 years ago and are still producing varieties of camelias, magnolia and azalea flowers each spring.

In Charleston, besides visiting historic homes, public and private gardens, there is a big naval base and you can be a spectaror at the precision drills of the Military College of South Carolina every Friday afternoon.

Sub-tropical gardens cover much of south Carolina, including those near Myrtle Beach and the Cypress Gardens north of Charleston where you travel by small boat through cypress groves.

The state was one of the original 13 colonies which declared its indepehdence just over 200 years ago and figured importantly in the Civil War just over a century ago. There are tours to all these historic sites in the state for those interested in following U.S. history.

To reach South Carolina and the Grand Strand region there are good roads via Niagara Falls and Buffalo, past Pittsburgh and Washington to Myrtle Beach. It is just under 900 miles [1,440 km] from the international border at Niagara Falls.

And while you might bypass Washington on the way south, a few days in the U.S. capital taking in the main sights is worth time whether you travel with the youngsters of the family or not. Spring is cherry blossom time in Washington.

For horse racing fans, on the first Saturday in April the Carolina Cup Races are held at Camden near the state capital or Columbia, with flat and steeplechase events.

[There is a Sephardic synagogue at Myrtle Beach, Beth El, on North Kings Highway; at Charleston, Orthodox B'rith Sholom is at 182 Rutledge Ave.; Emanu-El at 1721 Ashley Hall Rd. is Conservative, and Beth Elohim at 90 Hassell St. is Reform. The latter dates back to 1750, and the present building has a 1792 cornerstone. It is believed to be the oldest Reform synagogue in the United States.]

Egypt has long history

By CARL ALPERT

The serious Israeli visting Egypt sees more than the pyramids and the dirty streets and the rapidly flowing Nile. He sees a remarkable panorama of history.

Even the Jews, who speak proudly of their long history as a people, must stand in awe of the long record of the Egyptian nation. Its history, verified in the inscriptions in its monuments, goes back 5,200 years. The first of the pyramids was built around 4,700 years ago, almost a thousand years before Abraham appeared on the scene.

In the centuries that followed Cheops, Thutmosis, Amenhotep, the various Rameses, and others built the tombs and the temples which in well preserved condition thrill the tourists of the 20th century. For 2,500 years the Egyptian dynasties flourished, far longer than any other empire in history. Their cultural and physical achievements, predating the Greeks and the Romans by many centuries, are still impressive.

One would expect that the modern Egyptians would be animated by a great spirit of national pride in this vast and ancient heritage. On our recent visit to the land of the Nile we discovered this is not so at all.

The well-read tourist knows more about Queen Nefertiti and the Pharaoh Akhnaton, who first introduced a form of monotheism, than the Egyptian of today. All this glorious ancient past, with its pyramids and sphinxes, its royal tombs and heroic sized statues, is of little concern to the residents, for in the Egyptian government schools the history of the country begins only in the 7th century, after the Arab invasion and the introduction of Islam.

We were told that an Egyptian can go through the school system, graduate from high school, and even complete university without once ever studying of the glories of ancient Egypt — unless he is perhaps an archeology major at college.

The political implications of these historical blinkers are clear. The Egyptian is reared to see himself and his people as part of the Islamic pan-Arab world. The pyramid which impresses visitors is to most Egyptians, we were told, "just a pile of stones." They identify more with the nomads of the Arabian peninsula than with their own noble past.

There are Egyptians today who resent this falsification and abridgment of their own history, which results in unnatural political alignments. "I am not an Arab, I am an Egyptian," more than one local intellectual is quoted as saying.

Their language is Arabic, and their religion is for the part Mohammedanism, but their national identity, still now suppressed, is quite different from that of the other states which comprise the Arabic world.

It would appear that Sadat is well aware of this situation, but any attempt to make a major change in the national character would at this stage be apt to provoke an Islamic counter-reaction.

Egypt has all the makings of a mighty nation. It has a population of some 40 million people and it grows by a million a year, but it must overcome enormous economic problems and conquer a pitiful poverty which affects a large proportion of the population.

Step back into 17th century

Bermuda forts restored for tourists

by JAMES MONTAGNES

SAINT GEORGE, Bermuda — In this slightly hilly most northern section of Bermuda you'll walk in the steps of its first settlers — shipwrecked sailors who came from England in 1609.

At two tips of the triangular island of Saint George are two of the oldest forts in Bermuda, Gates Fort built in 1609 and Fort St. Catherine built a few years later. The latter has been completely restored and is open to visitors for a nominal fee.

You can wander over the battlements of the old fort and in its museum see what life was like in this colony more than 350 years ago. Lifelike dioramas of Bermuda's history, small arms collections, gun emplacements and replicas of the crown jewels from the Tower of London are on display. Take your camera to get views of golden beaches and the blue sea from the gun emplacements.

It is about 12 miles (19 kilometres) from the posh hotels and duty-free shops lining Hamilton's waterfront to the town of Saint George. You have a choice of an inland or coastal road to Flatts Bridge on Harrington Sound. Then you'll follow the coast route, slightly hilly at times, and cross the causeway to the big island airport. Across another small bridge and you are on the island of Saint George.

Not everyone who comes to Bermuda takes time out to visit the old town with its narrow streets such as Featherbed Alley, Old Maid's Lane and One Gun Alley.

Right on the waterfront is King's Square with its red brick old town hall which has outside staircases to the second floor. Nearby are the stocks and pillory, where early settlers were put for punishment by the hour in the hot sun. Now tourists — especially honeymoners — get themselves locked up in the stocks for fun and a picture.

There are outdoor fruit stalls with colorful umbrellas to lend a modern touch, and pastel-painted 17th century style local banks and taverns for the local citizens as well as visitors.

On Duke of York St. at the north end of King's Square is St. Peter's Church, claimed the oldest Anglican church site in the western hemisphere. The sweet smell of cedar permeates the building. The tombstones in the adjacent church yard date back to the early 17th century. Some of its silverware was given to the Bermuda colony by Britain's William III.

King's Square pillory is a favorite of Bermuda honeymooners.

Bermuda was an important base during the United States Civil War in the 1860s. There is a Confederate Museum near King's Square with a display of arms, prints, military buttons and coins used at the time.

During the American Revolution George Washington invited Bermudians to contribute to his forces. The letter is in the Historical Museum on Featherbed Alley. Nearby is Gunpowder Cavern — now a restaurant — where kegs of powder were kept. From here Bermudians stole gunpowder in 1775, rolled it in kegs down the small hill to Tobacco Bay, for shipment to Washington's forces.

Admiral Sir George Somers with his party of colonists bound for Virginia was shipwrecked in the Sea Venture on the reefs just off Saint George in 1609. He and his party built a ship from cedar trees they found on the island, near the present ruins of Fort Alexandra.

The oldest building in Bermuda is the old State House, just off King's Square. It was built in 1619, now is the Masonic Lodge, rented in perpetuity for one peppercorn a year!

There are many small museums in Saint George. One is a collection of carriages used on the island, ranging from a child's dog cart to a hearse. There are several museums to old Bermudian furniture. On Printer's Alley is the Stockhouse where the first newspaper, the Royal Gazette was started in 1784. Souvenirs are printed on the old press.

You can see the house where the Irish poet Tom Moore lived on Old Maid's Lane while he was in Bermuda for four months about 165 years ago as a registrar of the court of vice-admiralty.

There is more than history in Saint George. There are flowers everywhere, behind the high walls along some of the narrow streets, in small parks and up Rose Hill to the largest inn in this part of Bermuda. From this highest point in the area you can see ships passing by, some signs of old shipwrecks, and sailboats in the harbor and out on the Atlantic.

There are good beaches near Fort St. Catherine, a 9-hole golf course within sight of salt water, deep-sea fishing boats can be rented in St. George's harbor, and good roads lead to other sections.

Buses run from Hamilton to Saint George, a quiet little town, without the tourist hustle and bustle of Hamilton with its big hotels, cruise ships lined up along the main street and heavy auto traffic. You step back into 17th century colonial life in Saint George.

[There is no synagogue on Bermuda and there are few Jewish residents here. But growing numbers of Jewish visitors come here, and the major hotels have accommodations for religious services when required.]

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Touro synagogue in Rhode Island on stamp honoring Washington

stamps

By JAMES MONTAGNES

Next year, for the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birthday, the United States will issue a stamp to honor the oldest existing synagogue in the country, the Touro Synagogue at Newport, Rhode Island. It was built in 1763 and on a visit to the synagogue in 1790 Washington said: "The government of the United States gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

These words are on the stamp to the left of a picture of the synagogue as it is today. It has been a national historical site since 1946. The building was built by Sephardic Jews from Spian and Portugal who fled the Inquisition and found in Rhode Island the religious freedom they sought.

During the Revolutionary War of the 1776 period the building was not used for religious purposes and in 1780 when the British troops left Rhode Island, the state assembly used the structure for its first meeting and the Rhode Island supreme court held sessions there.

By the end of the 18th century the members of the congregation had scattered. The descendants of its first religious leader, Isaac Touro, maintained and preserved the building until services resumed there in 1883. The synagogue has been restored to its original appearance.

A number of countries besides Israel have issued stamps to synagogues within their boundaries. One of the most recent was issued in 1976 for the 150th anniversary of the Vienna City Temple, oldest existing Jewish building in the city. It is the only synagogue not destroyed by the Nazis when they occupied Austria, although it was badly damaged in 1938. When Theodor Herzl's remains were exhumed in 1949 before being sent to Israel, prayers were said here as a last respect for this Vienna-born Zionist leader.

In 1975, when the city of Amsterdam, Holland, celebrated its 700th anniversary, the Dutch postal authorities issued special stamps and also a special stamp for the 300th anniversary of the Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam. It was built by Jews who fled from Portugal and Spain during and after the Inquisition. The synagogue was declared a national monument by the Netherlands government when the Germans occupied the country in 1941, and is the only old synagogue saved in the country. The synagogue is also shown on a 1970 Israeli stamp.

The Netherlands attitude toward religious freedom was also implanted in the Dutch colonies in the Americas. Surinam, at the north end of South America, in a 1961 series of stamps to historical buildings in the capital city of Paramaribo included one value showing the Neve Shalom Synagogue.

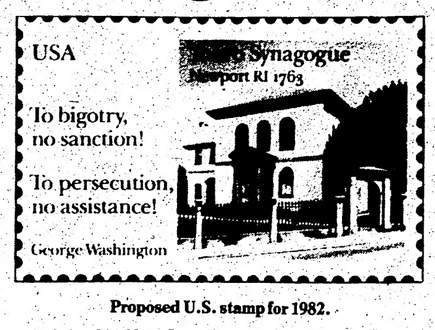
In 1968 three stamps were issued for the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Sephardic Jews from Brazil on the shores of the Surinam River at Joden Savanna. The stamps show a picture of the first synagogue of which only a few sections of wall stand today, and also gravestones.

Panama, in 1962, issued regular and airmail stamps to religious buildings including in the latter the Canal Zone Synagogue and the Panama Synagogue.

Belgium, in 1979, marked the centenary of the Great Synagogue in Brussels with a semi-postal stamp featuring its interior. It was damaged to some extent during the German occupation of World War II.

India, in 1968, issued a stamp for the 400th anniversary of the Paradesi Synagogue at Cochin, whose clocktower has dials in English, Hebrew and an Indian dialect. The stamp shows the interior of the synagogue with its hanging silver lamps.

Czechoslovakia, in 1967, issued six stamps to its old synagogues, cemetery, Jewish townhall and other relics at Prague. The entire area is part of the Jewish State Museum, and is an important tourist attraction in Prague, being located across the new Intercontinental Hotel on Curie Square. The six stamps include



Proposed U.S. stamp for 1982.

one of the Old-New Synagogue which dates back from the 13th century and is believed to be the oldest synagogue in Europe.

Israel has featured synagogues in other countries on a number of its stamps. In 1970 there were five New Year 5731 stamps showing historic synagogues: the 16th century synagogue at Cracow, Poland; the Great Synagogue in Tunis, Tunisia; the Portuguese Synagogue at Amsterdam; the Great Synagogue in Moscow; and the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue Shearith Israel at New York.

In 1972 there were three stamps showing synagogue arks from Ancona, Padua and Reggio Emilia which had been moved to Israel.

Helen Singer is a pioneer on UJA program

TORONTO — At age 22, Helen Singer can consider herself something of a pioneer.

Helen, who left the comforts of home in Toronto last week to work for six months in Beit Dagan in Israel, is the first volunteer in the Sherut L'Am program to act as liaison between Beit Dagan and the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto on a Project Renewal site.

Helen Singer

Beit Dagan was adopted by Toronto UJA in December. Sherut L'Am is responsible for overseeing a long-term program for volunteer placements in underprivileged areas of Israel.

While working toward her BA degree at the University of Toronto, Helen was involved in UJA activity on campus and was also a program assistant at the Jewish Student Union-Hillel. It was while a member of a UJA student mission to Israel last year that Helen decided that she wanted to "come back and do something in a personal, concrete way."

During her 6-month stint in Israel, she will be working under the guidance and supervision of social workers at Beit Dagan. "This will be an invaluable experience for me," she commented at UJA headquarters where she came for a briefing just prior to her departure. "I intend to enter the Wurzmeiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University in New York when I return, and working with professionals in the field will provide an ideal apprenticeship."

Helen's responsibilities at Beit Dagan will include sitting in on meetings of the community's steering committee; reporting back on a regular basis to UJA on progress; acting as guide to visiting Torontonians. She will also be expected to prepare the groundwork which will enable a number of students on a UJA student mission due to leave Toronto on May 18, to run a day camp for three weeks at Beit Dagan, when the mission is over.

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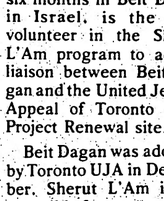

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Ideological divisions split French Jewry

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

From Dreyfus to Vichy
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In light of the recent anti-semitic outrages in France, Paula Hyman's book is published at an auspicious moment. "From Dreyfus to Vichy" zeroes in on the years 1906-1939, when vast changes transformed the face of French Jewry. Its effects are still felt today.

From Napoleon onward, French Jewish leaders were animated by the spirit of assimilation. The ideological consensus they forced upon the community was to remain intact until the arrival of relatively great numbers of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Balkans.

The immigrants changed the community, albeit gradually, writes Hyman. They shattered the institutional and ideological mores of French Jewry, bringing a hitherto unknown diversity to the communal framework.

French Jews, the first in Western Europe to be emancipated, were deeply committed to the idea of assimilation. Theodore Reinach, a Jewish historian who personified the trend, put it best: "The Jews, since they have ceased to be treated as pariahs, must identify themselves, in heart and in fact, with the nations which have accepted them, renounce the practices, the aspirations, the peculiarities of costume and language which tended to isolate them from their fellow citizens . . ."

France's immigrants did not accept the conventional wisdom, and the stage was set for a collision course between the established leaders and the new arrivals.

The immigrants spoke Yiddish, Arabic or Ladino and were proud of their languages; the politics they espoused tended to be leftist, and the cultural pluralism they hewed to was at odds with French tradition.

In 1913, Baron Edmond de Rothschild was compelled to say, "They do not understand French customs . . . they remain among themselves, retain their primitive language, speak and write in jargon."

Leaders like Rothschild were embarrassed by the visibility of Yiddish signs in shops and of immigrant Jews drinking tea rather than wine in cafes. And until the 1930s, they viewed Zionism with distaste. They thought Zionism undermined their private and public position, feeling that civic emancipation and national integration represented the sole acceptable workable solution to the persistent Jewish problem.

The Rothschilds and their class tried to remake the immigrants in their own image, but they failed. The resulting acrimony split the community into two. In the 1930s, therefore, Jews were not united to deal with the xenophobia and anti-semitism spawned by economic depression and social tensions.

Anti-semitism, as Ms. Hyman points out in this useful volume, was deeply rooted in French soil. Catholics and secularists alike saw as the Jews' primary characteristics their alienation and uprootedness from French society. Even men like Emile Zola and Anatole France, who supported Jews during the Dreyfus crisis, perceived as a sign of obstinacy the Jewish will to survive as a distinct group.

Rightists, of course, were less charitable. They argued that "Jewish values" — democracy, the rights of man and anti-clericalism — were foisted upon France during the revolution.

Invariably myopic, French Jewish leaders saw anti-semitism somewhat differently. It was, they said, a German import — a weapon used by political extremists to upset the social order. So confident were they that justice would prevail that they refrained from public activity on Alfred Dreyfus' behalf!

Some Jewish leaders, Hyman remarks, were so short-sighted and intimidated that they attempted to form alliances with right-wing movements essentially opposed to the well-being of the community. The cowardly climate of the times was best summed up by the chief rabbi of Paris who, in 1938, declined to speak up for his persecuted coreligionists in Germany for fear of upsetting a possible rapprochement between France and Germany.

In the end, as World War II approached, the Jewish community was so rent by ideological, cultural and political divisions that it was unable to form an effective front against the anti-semitic madness of the times.

Footlight dancers are overlooked

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

In the light of all the publicity given to the well established dance companies which participated in the recent dance festival at Harbourfront, one young troupe was largely overlooked.

Too bad — because, if the movie musicals of yesteryear have any truth in them and if there's justice in the theatre world, then Footlight Dance Theatre will soon rise from the depths of the dives, cellar clubs and occasional "class" gigs like Harbourfront's Amsterdam Cafe to become a leading light on the Toronto musical stage.

Despite its big name, the Theatre is composed of only four young dancers, all barely out of their teens. Their youth, however, belies their talent and professionalism.

The group was formed last fall by Donna Fish and Heidi Latsky, two former Montrealers who now live in Toronto. Both have had extensive training in ballet, jazz and modern dance and have made guest appearances with numerous companies. The current male partners are Laurie Goodman, a 19-year-old leaping wonder who is still a full-time student at York University's theatre arts department, and Raymond McDougall, who has accumulated several years' experience in musical comedy.

Using music that ranged from "Small's Paradise" of the stage hit "Bubbling Brown Sugar," to an "All That Jazz" duet to Henry Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk," they choreographed all the numbers themselves. Heidi's acting talents were exhibited in a routine based on Fats Waller's "Your Feet's Too Big" and the two young men were outstanding in a mock fight danced to music from "West Side Story."

One of the comedic highlights of their repertoire occurred when Laurie appeared in a glitzy YMHA shirt in a new-wave number danced to Billy Joel's "It's Still Rock & Roll to Me."

While each of the four has a distinct individual style — Heidi is tiny with an elastic body that can do just about anything, Donna is Lady Grace personified, Laurie looks like the nice Jewish boy you want for a son-in-law and proves that big does not mean graceless, and Raymond looks and dances like the guy who always gets the girl — they coalesce into a united group that works well together and seems to love every minute they're on stage.

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Cohen, Louis on Jan. 21/81, late of 5950 Bathurst St.
Crackower, Joseph on Jan. 19/81, late of 250 Davenport Rd.
Curshen, Maurice on Jan. 22/81, late of 595 Brookdale Ave.
David, Edward on Jan. 18/81, late of 4900 Bathurst St.
Fine, Sophie on Jan. 22/81, late of Extendicare.
Goldberg, Benjamin on Jan. 21/81, late of 59 Elderwood Dr.
Graff, Sam on Jan. 16/81, late of 16 Baintree E.
Lalst, Sam on Jan. 21/81, late of 41 Garthdale Ct.
Levy, Hersh on Jan. 21/81, late of 21 Mayfair Ave.
Obar, Henry on Jan. 20/81, late of 17 Farmstead Rd.
Panet, Harry on Jan. 16/81, late of 26 Hotspur Rd.
Redstone, Max on Jan. 16/81, late of 2365 Kennedy Rd.
Rice, Rita on Jan. 20/81, late of 2900 Bathurst St.
Ross, James on Jan. 20/81, late of 740 Mt. Pleasant.
Schwartz, Rose on Jan. 16/81, late of 76 Fairleigh Cres.
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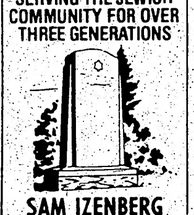

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